

House Resolution No. 592

Whereas, Jesse Hill, Jr., and his beloved wife, the former Azira Gonzales Sanchez, will be feted on March 29, 2004, at an event cochaired by Andrew Young and John Portman as a tribute to the “Legacy of Leadership, Business and Community Service” given by Jesse and Azira to the citizens of Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, the retired Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Atlanta Life Insurance Company, Jesse Hill was born in Saint Louis, Missouri; graduated with honors from Lincoln University with a degree in mathematics and physics and from the University of Michigan with a Master of Business Administration degree in actuarial science; and joined Atlanta Life Insurance Company in 1949 as an Actuarial Assistant; and

Whereas, in addition to his work on the Executive Committee of Delta Air Lines, Jesse Hill has attained universal praise for his leadership activities with National Services Industries, Incorporated, Trust Company of Georgia Holding Company, Trust Company of Georgia Bank, Knight-Ridder, Incorporated, Martin Luther King Center for Social Change, American Academy of Actuaries, Big Bethel AME Church, the Atlanta Committee for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games, and the Board of Regents for the thirty-four state colleges and universities in Georgia; and

Whereas, Jesse Hill added to his considerable record of achievement when he became the first Black American to head the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, Jesse and Azira have always been willing to share their time, energy, vision, and fortune with organizations which are devoted to making a positive difference in people, a quality which has been supported and encouraged by the couple’s loving children, Nancy Cooke and Azira Kendall, and their grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar career accomplishments garnered down through the years by Jesse Hill and to convey to him and his wonderful wife this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations as they are the guests of honor at a dinner recognizing their “Legacy of Leadership, Business and Community Service” so generously given on behalf of the city of Atlanta; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Jesse Hill, Jr., of Atlanta, Georgia.

Offered by _____
 Representative Yvonne S. Wilson
 District No. 42

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 592, adopted February 17, 2004.

 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker