

May 24, 2006

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING LOVANA "LOU" JONES
ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 26TH DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Illinois State Representative Lovana "Lou" Jones from the 26th District passed away on May 8, 2006, at 68, and;

WHEREAS, Lovana "Lou" Jones was born in 1938 in Mansfield Ohio and received her bachelor's degree in business administration from Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, Lovana "Lou" Jones will be remembered fondly as a mentor, and a dedicated public servant, spending nearly 20 years in the Illinois Legislature as a strong advocate for women and children, minority businesses and those incarcerated in Illinois prisons; and

WHEREAS, Lovana "Lou" Jones was an advisor and good friend to the late Mayor Harold Washington, she was also an activist and a fighter for what she believed in, having most of her adult life, as serving as one of the original members of Operation PUSH, working with the Chicago NAACP, serving as an active member with the Chicago Urban League as well as many other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Lovana "Lou" Jones will be greatly missed by her family, friends, colleagues and her constituents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, this 24th day of May 2006, do hereby extend to the family of Lovana "Lou" Jones our deepest sympathy, and offer to her family our gratitude for her many years of serve and for her many contributions to the City of Chicago and to the State of Illinois.