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Dorothy Brown Remembers Jacoby Dickens

A Great Businessman and Philanthropist, Dickens Died April 14

(Chicago) — “He was a great Chicagoan, a product of the South Side, who became a renowned businessman and later a major philanthropist,” said Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, about Jacoby Dickens, Chairman of the Board of Seaway National Bank. Dickens, who was 81, had been in poor health for about two years. He died in Florida on the afternoon of Sunday, April 14, 2013.

“His business acumen was impressive, and he served as an outstanding role model for African-American entrepreneurs, bankers and financiers,” Clerk Brown added. “His philosophy that banks should be responsive to the needs of their surrounding communities was innovative for his time. I applaud the efforts he made to promote business development in predominantly black neighborhoods.”

“My heart goes out to his wife Veranda, his family and friends,” Clerk Brown continued.

“Jacoby became a great benefactor through his eponymous loan and scholarship programs at DePaul University, and his major financial donations to Chicago State University. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy remains through his great works and benevolence.”

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