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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Bernice Pillow Higgins on  
4 the occasion of her 100th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, Bernice Higgins was born in Nashville to Lora and  
6 Robert A. Pillow on September 22, 1917 and had four siblings;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Bernice Higgins attended elementary school and  
9 high school in Nashville and graduated from Tennessee State  
10 University; and

11 WHEREAS, Bernice Higgins married Julius Higgins on April 5,  
12 1941 and they had one daughter, Judith Louise; and

13 WHEREAS, Bernice Higgins joined Alpha Kappa Alpha  
14 Sorority, Incorporated in 1945 and is a member of the East St.  
15 Louis Alumnae Chapter; she has been a member for 72 years and  
16 has attained the status of Golden Soror; and

17 WHEREAS, Bernice Higgins is a member of the St. Augustine  
18 of Hippo Catholic Church in East St. Louis; and

19 WHEREAS, Bernice Higgins taught in the Nashville School

1 District for nine years and then East St. Louis School District  
2 189 for over 31 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Bernice Higgins has led a life filled with  
4 experiences and has shared her wisdom with others for over 10  
5 decades; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 congratulate Bernice Pillow Higgins on her 100th birthday and  
9 thank her for the love and service she has bestowed on her  
10 community; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Bernice Higgins as a symbol of our respect and  
13 esteem.