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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Agnes Dale (Manning) Smith was born on April 2, 1906, in Willow Hill to Elisha and Mary E. (Crail) Manning; after her mother died when she was 8, she joined the household of foster parents, Paul B. and Emily Harper; and

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WHEREAS, On October 16, 1930, she married Victor L. Smith and together they had a daughter, Emily Carol; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith graduated from Robinson High School as part of the class of 1925; she ranked third in her class out of 72 students; she was vice president of her senior class and on the staff of News 'N' Everything, the student newspaper; and

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WHEREAS, In 1967, she graduated from Vincennes University with an Associate in Science degree; she later went to Eastern Illinois University, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1984; she also studied at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, in 1969; at American University in Washington, D.C., and at 4 other Midwestern locations, including Lincoln Trail College in Robinson; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith began her career at Argus Printing House, which was founded by Paul Harper's father, George W.; she joined the office following high school as a bookkeeper and society editor; in 1945, she and her husband became co-owners of the Argus Printing House, upon the retirement of Paul Harper; the Smiths retired in 1986, when their daughter and son-in-law took over operations of the paper; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith has been very active in her community;

1 she has been a member of many organizations including the  
2 Robinson Woman's Club; Robinson Minerva Club; Crawford County  
3 Republican Women; Pre-School Mothers Club in 1935; Delta Theta  
4 Tau Sorority; James Halstead, Sr., Chapter NSDAR; and Chapter  
5 I.G.P.E.O.; and

6 WHEREAS, She has been given many awards for her service,  
7 including Good Citizenship, Dale Carnegie Crawford County  
8 Alumni; Distinguished Citizen for 1987, Robinson Chamber of  
9 Commerce; and the Robinson High School Alumni of the Year 2003;  
10 in addition, she has been honored by the Pre-School Mothers on  
11 the 55th anniversary, 1991, and the RHS Alumni Association; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith has had some very unique and  
13 interesting experiences in her life; while in Ireland, she was  
14 able to take a side trip to Wales to witness the investiture of  
15 Prince Charles, heir to the British throne; accompanied by her  
16 husband, who was the State chairman for 13 years, she attended  
17 four Republican National Conventions; she was appointed as the  
18 Volunteer Service Director by Mayor Crebs during World War II  
19 and was called to Chicago 3 times to attend conferences; she  
20 was the delegate at the 1930 Delta Theta Tau philanthropic  
21 sorority convention, where she was elected national vice  
22 president; and she served 2 years as the Division VI Director  
23 for the Illinois Daughters of the Revolution; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
25 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
26 we congratulate Agnes Dale Smith on the occasion of her 100th  
27 birthday and wish her many more happy years; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
29 presented to Agnes Dale Smith as an expression of our esteem  
30 and with our heartfelt best wishes.