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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS,   The   members   of   the   Illinois   House   of  
3   Representatives   wish   to   congratulate   Bernice   (Schmahl)  
4   Timmermann   on   the   occasion   of   her   100th   birthday   on   June   16,  
5   2025;   and

6           WHEREAS, Bernice Schmahl was born in Des Plaines on June  
7       16, 1925; she was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Des  
8       Plaines, where she has been a member for 100 years; and

9            WHEREAS, After meeting her future husband at a dance,  
10      Bernice Schmahl married Al Timmermann at her church on August  
11      19, 1944; and

12            WHEREAS, Seventy-five years ago in 1950, the Timmermanns  
13    bought their first house on Thorndale in unincorporated Leyden  
14    Township; at that time, their new community was informally  
15    known as Mudville until it was incorporated as part of the new  
16    Village of Rosemont in 1956; and

17           WHEREAS, As their first Rosemont house and homesite were  
18        taken over for construction of the new O'Hare International  
19        Airport, Bernice and Al Timmermann retained their connection  
20        to Rosemont by buying a lot on Scott Street; the house they  
21        built for themselves at that site is the house that Bernice

1 Timmermann lives in to this day; and

2 WHEREAS, Bernice and Al Timmermann were anchors of  
3 Rosemont for decades; Al Timmermann was the assistant fire  
4 chief of the village, and Bernice helped maintain the fire  
5 protection infrastructure of the village; and

6 WHEREAS, As a fire protection infrastructure supervisor  
7 with the title of Restrictive Radiotelephone Operator, Bernice  
8 Timmermann used her home to guard and maintain the host radio  
9 dispatch device that communicated with the firefighters'  
10 walkie-talkies; and

11 WHEREAS, Bernice Timmermann had to frequently, for at  
12 least one week in every calendar month, be on call to oversee  
13 the telephone circuit and the radio frequency; and

14 WHEREAS, When on call, Bernice Timmermann blew the daily  
15 fire siren, which was tested every day at 9:00 p.m.; and

16 WHEREAS, Bernice Timmermann also served as the president  
17 of the North Leyden Fire Women's Auxiliary, where they had  
18 bake sales and fire department dances to raise money to help  
19 pay for the Rosemont's first fire truck; and

20 WHEREAS, Later on in her life, Bernice Timmermann was the

1 president of the Rosemont Senior Club; and

2 WHEREAS, Bernice and Al Timmermann had four children,  
3 Elaine, Norm, Sue, and Gary, and she now has nine  
4 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren; her family has  
5 grown to 33 members, and Bernice is a blessing to all of them;  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we congratulate Bernice (Schmahl) Timmermann on the occasion  
10 of her 100th birthday, and we wish her many more wonderful  
11 years; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we recognize the service of Al and Bernice  
13 Timmermann to the Village of Rosemont as shining examples of  
14 Illinois community life; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Bernice Timmermann as recognition of her one  
17 hundred years of life in the State of Illinois.