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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Leona Walker Davis on the occasion of her 100th birthday on March 1, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Leona Walker Davis was born on March 1, 1926 in Climax, Georgia; she enrolled at Oakton College in 1975 and, through determination and hard work, earned an associate's degree in nursing in 1981; and

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WHEREAS, Leona Walker Davis devoted 21 years to the nursing profession, providing compassionate care to patients at Skokie Valley Hospital before retiring in 1989; and

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WHEREAS, Leona Walker Davis was married to Lester Davis, who served on the board of the American-West Indian Association, and together they exemplified a shared dedication to community involvement and civic engagement; and

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WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Leona Walker Davis has given generously of her time and talents to her community, serving as a board member of the Council for Human Services for the Village of Skokie and on the Board of Sister Cities, as a hostess for the Skokie Valley Opera chapter, and as a volunteer for the Salvation Army; and

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1 WHEREAS, In recognition of her compassionate service,
2 Leona Walker Davis was honored by the Illinois Guardianship
3 and Advocacy Commission Human Rights Authority for her
4 volunteer work supporting persons with disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to her public service, Leona Walker
6 Davis enjoys many hobbies, including knitting, sewing,
7 cross-stitch, crochet, reading, and travel; and

8 WHEREAS, At the age of 100, Leona Walker Davis remains
9 active in her community by gardening and volunteering with
10 Evanston Grows, generously sharing her vegetables and flowers
11 with friends and neighbors; and

12 WHEREAS, Leona Walker Davis has been a dedicated member of
13 the congregation of Second Baptist Church of Evanston since
14 1950, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to faith,
15 fellowship, and service to others; and

16 WHEREAS, Leona Walker Davis's life has been guided by the
17 belief that because her faith has given her the strength to
18 help herself, she is able to do good and help others;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate Leona Walker Davis on celebrating her 100th
3 birthday, commend her lifetime of service, compassion, and
4 community leadership, and wish her continued health,
5 happiness, and fulfillment; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Leona Walker Davis as an expression of our esteem
8 and respect.