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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Marjorie Grandstaff of Yorkville on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and

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WHEREAS, Marjorie Grandstaff was born on her family's farm in southwest Wisconsin on an unseasonably warm and sunny December 1st of 1923; she was the third child of Harry and Lelia Harris; and

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WHEREAS, Marjorie Grandstaff, her two sisters, and her three brothers grew up during the Great Depression; this experience shaped her life in countless ways; she has many loving memories of her childhood home despite the struggles her family endured; she, along with her brothers and sisters, attended a one-room schoolhouse; and

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WHEREAS, Marjorie Grandstaff met Loren Grandstaff, who was home on leave from the Army, when she was 17 at a dance in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin; they were married several weeks later in Waukon, Iowa on November 2, 1941; she returned to Fort Lewis in Washington, and just as she was making plans to join him, word came of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and of the country being at war; and

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1 WHEREAS, Marjorie Grandstaff did not see Loren again for
2 three years, as he was shipped overseas; during the war, she
3 worked stamping bombs at a munitions factory in Rockford; she
4 later moved to Denver, Colorado to be near her brother,
5 Bueford, who was in the Army and stationed nearby; she worked
6 there a year before returning to Chicago on the Zephyr train,
7 which was famous at the time for its high rate of speed, which
8 was 90 mph; and

9 WHEREAS, After the war, Marjorie Grandstaff and Loren
10 farmed in southwest Wisconsin, where they raised their three
11 daughters, Cheryl, Dixie, and Jeanie; she planted a large
12 garden every year and canned all kinds of vegetables and
13 fruit; she was a wonderful seamstress and sewed most of her
14 girls' clothes; she has always been a wonderful cook, and her
15 daughters still remember their mom always having a special
16 treat for them every day when they got home from school; and

17 WHEREAS, Marjorie Grandstaff's family relocated to Racine,
18 Wisconsin in the early 1960s, where they lived until Loren's
19 passing in 1993, after more than 52 years of marriage; she
20 moved to Yorkville to be near her daughter, Dixie, in 2008 and
21 lived independently until her move to Heritage Woods in 2016;
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23 WHEREAS, Marjorie Grandstaff has nine grandchildren and

1 nine great-grandchildren in addition to her three daughters;
2 she has had 100 years of a simple and beautiful life and is
3 cherished by her family and many friends; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate Marjorie Grandstaff on this historic occasion
7 and wish her the best 100th birthday celebration; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Majorie Grandstaff as a symbol of our respect and
11 esteem.