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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Josephine Elizabeth Seaton Franklin on her 80th birthday; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Josephine Elizabeth Seaton Franklin was born July 1, 1927, and is a native of Cleveland, Ohio; she holds a master's degree and a doctoral degree in education; she has taught in Virginia, Michigan, and Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, She is a founding member and was the first president of Theta Rho Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Sorority; the Chapter has given more than \$90,000 to scholars and raises funds for scholarships and other community service through the Josephine Elizabeth Seaton Foundation; the Foundation provides funds for academic scholarships and community projects; and

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WHEREAS, As a founding member of the Sorority, and through her Foundation, Dr. Franklin has worked diligently to foster the scholarship program for 44 years; and

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WHEREAS, Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr., is Dr. Franklin's nephew and was elected to the Maryland State Legislature in 2002, and presently serves on the House Environmental Matters Committee, Chair of the Natural Resources Subcommittee, is a

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1 Deputy Majority Whip, and has other leadership roles within the  
2 Maryland House of Delegates; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin's birthday on July 1 is special  
4 because she will be recognized by her community, her friends,  
5 and her family as someone who continues to devote her time and  
6 talents to make the world a better place to live; she is a  
7 gracious lady who has devoted herself unselfishly to a host of  
8 educational and humanitarian causes; she is at a point in her  
9 life where a lifetime of giving to others warrants this special  
10 recognition; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 congratulate Dr. Josephine Elizabeth Seaton Franklin on her  
14 80th birthday and wish her continued happiness for years to  
15 come; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Dr. Josephine Elizabeth Seaton Franklin as a  
18 symbol of our respect and esteem.