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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Leona Charest of
4 Boulder Hill on the occasion of celebrating her 90th birthday
5 on July 29, 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, Leona Charest was born on July 29, 1917 in
7 Sedalia, Indiana; her family moved to Illinois when she was
8 very young; her father, Guy A. Taylor, was killed in an auto
9 accident when she was 3 years old; she, along with her sister
10 Edna Mae Isbell and brother Alvin G. Taylor, went to live at
11 Mooseheart Orphanage in Batavia, where her mother was employed;
12 her mother then married Otto Anderson, and the family lived on
13 a farm in Batavia, where she grew up; and

14 WHEREAS, Leona Charest was a very exceptionally bright
15 child, and was moved up 2 grades while in school; she graduated
16 from Batavia High School at the age of 15; she went on to
17 become a nurse, working at Community Hospital in Geneva until
18 she married Thomas A. Charest on January 7, 1950 and moved to
19 Aurora; unable to have any children of their own, Leona and
20 Thomas became foster parents, helping many children who needed
21 temporary homes; they ended up adopting four daughters of their
22 own; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1965, Leona Charest and her family moved to a
2 small unincorporated subdivision in Kendall County called
3 Boulder Hill, where Leona still lives today; Leona and Thomas
4 became very involved in their community; Thomas was a member of
5 the Kendall County Board and represented the Boulder Hill
6 community until his passing in November 1996, and Leona was a
7 member of the Kendall County Republican Women's Club, and was
8 the president for several years; she also served on the Child &
9 Family Services Board and the Jennings Terrace Board; she also
10 had memberships with the Welcome Wagon, Garden Club, and
11 Antique Club; she has very strong beliefs in God, her country,
12 her family, and her community; and

13 WHEREAS, Leona Charest has 4 daughters, Susan, Polly,
14 Dolly, and Patti; she also has 7 grandchildren and 8
15 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 congratulate Leona Charest on this milestone birthday and wish
19 her good health and happiness in the future; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Leona Charest as a symbol of our esteem and
22 respect.