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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Hosea Peeples on
4 the occasion of her 109th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, Hosea Peeples was born in February of 1900 in
6 Holcomb, Mississippi; she attended school at a one-room
7 schoolhouse in the local Masonic Hall; on Sundays, she and her
8 family went to the Tuscahoma AME Church in a wagon; while
9 there, she sat on the "mourner's bench", accepted Christ, and
10 was baptized at age 15; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1926, Hosea Peeples left home to join two older
12 sisters who lived in Chicago; she found work as a domestic and
13 sent money back home to help her family; in 1931, she met the
14 love of her life, Gentry Peeples, whom she married in 1936; and

15 WHEREAS, Hosea Peeples was employed at Inland Steel for 32
16 years until her retirement; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1948, Hosea Peeples and her husband joined the
18 Grant Memorial AME Church under the pastorate of Rev. Harvey E.
19 Walden; she was recruited into the Gospel Choir the day she
20 joined and later became choir president; and

1 WHEREAS, Hosea Peeples was involved in numerous activities
2 at the Grant Memorial AME Church; she was involved in many
3 fundraising efforts of the Gospel Choir and the Willing Workers
4 Club; she currently serves as Class Leader of Class #8 and is a
5 member of the Women's Missionary Society and the Sarah Hoffman
6 Memorial Sunday School Class; and

7 WHEREAS, Hosea Peeples is the oldest member of a family
8 blessed with great longevity, with her father living to the age
9 of 107, her mother living to the age of 105, and her sister
10 Edith living to the age of 106; and

11 WHEREAS, A birthday reception will be held in Hosea
12 Peeples' honor on February 1, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at the Grant
13 Memorial AME Church; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate Hosea Peeples on the occasion of her 109th
17 birthday and wish her many happy and healthy years to come; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Hosea Peeples as a symbol of our esteem and
21 respect.