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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives is pleased to congratulate Sister M. Wencesla
4 Rieger, F.S.G.M., of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George, on
5 her Diamond Jubilee; and

6 WHEREAS, In honor of Sister Wencesla, St. Francis Convent
7 in Alton will hold a Jubilee Mass on May 12, 2012; and

8 WHEREAS, Sister Wencesla was born March 29, 1925, in
9 Weigelsdorf, Kreis Reichenbach, Germany; in 1952, during her
10 novitiate training, she was helping at St. Mary's in Papenburg,
11 Germany; on March 19, 1953, Sister Wencesla professed her first
12 vows at the Motherhouse in Thuine, Germany; after her first
13 profession, she was assigned to help the convent in Schwazdorf,
14 Germany; and

15 WHEREAS, She also worked at St. Joseph's nursing home in
16 Thuine, Germany; on March 30, 1954, she came to United States
17 and worked in the dietary department of Saint Anthony's
18 Hospital in Alton until July 1, 1991; on July 21, 1991, she was
19 transferred and worked in the St. Francis Convent dining room;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, On August 12, 1993, Sister Wencesla transferred to

1 St. Sixtus Convent in Hastings, Nebraska, where she cooked and
2 did housekeeping for 4 sisters teaching at a nearby grade
3 school; the children there called her the "cookie sister";
4 Sister Wencesla worked there until 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, Since 2006, Sister Wencesla has been in the
6 infirmary at St. Francis Convent of Alton and is the oldest
7 sister in their American Province; as an Adoration Sister,
8 Sister Wencesla spends up to 3 hours in the Adoration Chapel
9 praying for sisters, the church, and the world; therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Sister Rieger and thank her for her years of
14 service and dedication to helping others; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Sister M. Wencesla Rieger as a symbol of our
17 respect and esteem.