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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Edna Mae Smith on
4 the occasion of her 100th birthday on September 27, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Edna Mae Smith was born on September 27, 1912, in
6 Hope, Arkansas; her parents are Elvesta and Jolly Johnson; she
7 married Claude Smith in 1931; and

8 WHEREAS, Edna Mae Smith was raised on Dewitt Plantation;
9 since the age of 11, she was employed as a day work, making
10 roughly \$5 a day; she continued in that line of employment,
11 working in various homes in Lake Forest, Highland Park and
12 Waukegan until she fell ill; and

13 WHEREAS, On March 25, 1947, Edna Mae Smith and her husband
14 moved to Waukegan to join her sibling, Myrtle Wilkins, who
15 attended Shiloh Baptist Church; Edna Mae and Claude both joined
16 the church 4 days later; she subsequently became an usher, and
17 later a Deaconess, at the church; she has also attended many
18 National Conventions throughout the United States and held
19 various other positions with the church, including 2nd
20 Vice-President and President of the Shiloh Usher Board; and

21 WHEREAS, Edna Mae Smith was once part of a 5-member

1 religious singing group; the group performed at various
2 churches in Hope and Stuttgart, Arkansas; and

3 WHEREAS, Edna Mae Smith serves as a model of hard work,
4 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
5 Illinois; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Edna Mae Smith on the occasion of her 100th
9 birthday and wish her many happy and healthy years to come; and
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Edna Mae Smith as a symbol of our esteem and
13 respect.