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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Beulah R. Eli-Norago on
4 the occasion of her 100th birthday on September 5, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Beulah Eli-Norago was born in Birmingham, Alabama
6 to Frank and Hattie Bogus on September 5, 1917; she grew up in
7 the segregated south, and at the age of 8, suffered a severe
8 bout of tonsillitis and became the first African American in
9 her community to ride in an ambulance; she enjoyed studying
10 English and playing sports, especially volleyball and
11 basketball, and served as captain of academic and sports teams;
12 she graduated high school in Ishkooda, Alabama in 1934; later
13 that same year, she married Madison Eli; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1935, Beulah Eli-Norago gave birth to the first
15 of her six children, Curtis Lamont Ely; in 1937, after moving
16 to the Englewood community of Chicago, their family grew with
17 the births of Jewel, Madison, Jackie, Michael, and Lionel; and

18 WHEREAS, Beulah Eli-Norago's first job in Chicago was at
19 the F.W. Woolworth; in 1965, she worked as an operations and
20 personnel supervisor at the Englewood Urban Progress Center;
21 she retired after 18 years of service to the Englewood
22 community; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1968, after 34 years of marriage Beulah
2 Eli-Norago's husband, Madison Eli, passed away; in 1974, she
3 married Ernest Norago; he passed away in 2001; and

4 WHEREAS, Beulah Eli-Norago became a property owner of
5 several residential buildings in the Englewood community,
6 where she has lived and voted in local, State, and national
7 elections for over 80 years; she continues to serve and support
8 the 65th and Peoria Block Club; and

9 WHEREAS, Beulah Eli-Norago has been an active member of New
10 Friendship Missionary Baptist Church for 70 years; therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 congratulate Beulah R. Eli-Norago on her 100th birthday, and we
15 wish her many more wonderful years; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Beulah Eli-Norago as a symbol of our respect and
18 esteem.