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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Carl Walton Sr. of Chicago on the occasion of his 100th birthday; and

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WHEREAS, Carl Walton Sr. was born in Yazoo City, Mississippi on October 8, 1918; he received his formal education from the Piney Woods Institute in Piney Woods, Mississippi; he grew up selling food to support his family and later worked for the Gamer Seed Company in Yazoo City, where he sold and delivered garden materials; and

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WHEREAS, Carl Walton Sr. and his siblings formed a family singing group, The Walton Brothers, and were known for their harmonious gospel quartet; Sam Cooke sang with them for a short period of time; The Walton Brothers traveled around the country performing their music in various places including Chicago, and the states of Mississippi, Missouri, and Indiana; the group was the first to sing on Isabel Joseph Johnson's WHFC Sunday morning broadcast, currently known as WVON; and

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WHEREAS, Carl Walton Sr. migrated to Chicago, where he enrolled in a plumbing training program; he later worked as a box handler and courier for Erie Lackawanna Railroad, which became Conrail and then Amtrak; he retired after 30 years of

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1 dedicated service; and

2 WHEREAS, Carl Walton Sr. had four children from a previous
3 marriage, May Helen, Carlos, Felicia, and Carl Walton Jr.; he
4 married his current wife, Geralene Walton, in 1973 and to this
5 union twin daughters were born, Barbara and Carol; and

6 WHEREAS, Carl Walton Sr.'s hobbies included fishing and
7 gardening; he often caught loads of fish and brought them home
8 to share with his neighbors and friends; he was also an avid
9 gardener and his yard was well known in the neighborhood,
10 showcasing his grapevines, apple trees, pear trees, tomatoes,
11 bell peppers, and strawberry patches just to name a few; and

12 WHEREAS, Carl Walton Sr. is an active member of the First
13 Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Brasfield; he can
14 be seen every Sunday in the area where the men sit, right
15 behind the deacons; and

16 WHEREAS, At 100 years young, Carl Walton Sr. enjoys
17 laughing, joking, and talking with his children,
18 grandchildren, and his many friends; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
21 congratulate Carl Walton Sr. on his 100th birthday, and we wish

1 him many more wonderful years; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Carl Walton Sr. as an expression of our esteem and
4 respect.