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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Charlotte M. (Ryan) Ten  
4 Bruin on the occasion of her 100th birthday on October 24,  
5 1920; and

6           WHEREAS, Charlotte Ten Bruin was born on October 24, 1920,  
7 the fourth of eight children in her family; she was always  
8 active and determined from a very young age; and

9           WHEREAS, Charlotte Ten Bruin attended St. Philomena High  
10 School; in her mid-teens, while both a student and helping to  
11 care for her younger siblings, she got a job at a bakery to  
12 assist with the family's expenses; and

13           WHEREAS, Charlotte Ten Bruin married Ralph Ten Bruin on May  
14 24, 1941; they were married for 21 years, and he preceded her  
15 in death in 1962, due to an automobile accident; they had two  
16 children together, Wayne and Dean; Wayne, born in 1946, is now  
17 74 years old; Dean, born in 1948, is now 72 years old; and

18           WHEREAS, Charlotte Ten Bruin worked at Echo Products during  
19 World War II, where she helped to manufacture munitions for the  
20 war effort; and

1           WHEREAS, Charlotte Ten Bruin subsequently held many roles;  
2 she managed apartment buildings; she ran a bed and breakfast in  
3 Colorado; after returning to the Midwest, she worked in  
4 manufacturing and as a nursing assistant in a nursing home; she  
5 held numerous retail positions; lastly, she worked as a child  
6 caregiver in Belvidere; and

7           WHEREAS, Charlotte Ten Bruin lived a full, independent life  
8 in her Belvidere home, where she tended her flowers, cut the  
9 grass, and took care of herself and her home until a fall  
10 caused her to lose those abilities last year; and

11           WHEREAS, Charlotte Ten Bruin moved into a nursing home in  
12 Belvidere on September 4, 2019; and

13           WHEREAS, Charlotte Ten Bruin has always been dedicated to  
14 her family and friends and has always worked hard to lead a  
15 successful life; she remains a loving and determined woman to  
16 this day; and

17           WHEREAS, Charlotte Ten Bruin's children and grandchildren  
18 planned to hold a party to celebrate her 100 years on October  
19 24, 2020, which did not happen due to the COVID-19 pandemic;  
20 instead, her family held a through-the-window celebration,  
21 which made her happy; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we congratulate Charlotte M. Ten Bruin on the occasion of her  
4 100th birthday, and we wish her many happy and healthy years to  
5 come; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to Charlotte Ten Bruin as an expression of our esteem  
8 and respect.