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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize Edward L. Wilson on the  
4 occasion of his 105th birthday; and

5           WHEREAS, Edward Wilson was born in Hammond, Louisiana on  
6 January 30, 1916; he moved to Chicago at the age of 5; he  
7 graduated from Tilden High School in 1934; he pledged Alpha  
8 Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in 1941; he earned a degree in  
9 Industrial Arts from Western Virginia State University in  
10 1943; he married Odessa Polk; he relocated to San Bernardino,  
11 California, where he worked for the U.S. Army Corps; he  
12 returned home to Chicago; and

13           WHEREAS, Edward Wilson and his business partners opened  
14 the Practical Trade School in Chicago, teaching television and  
15 radio repair; he worked as a quality control manager for Cook  
16 Electric as a biomedical component for NASA, and he worked  
17 closely on the Apollo missions with NASA; and

18           WHEREAS, Edward Wilson then worked as a quality control  
19 manager for Eaton Corporation, which included manufactured  
20 electrical components for cars, refrigerators, and stoves; he  
21 retired in 1985; and

1           WHEREAS, Edward Wilson learned to love the game of golf  
2 late in his life and enjoyed the game until he no longer felt  
3 comfortable leaving his wife's side; and

4           WHEREAS, During his long and productive lifetime, Edward  
5 Wilson has demonstrated in countless ways his dedication to  
6 the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection  
7 of people from all walks of life and all ages; and

8           WHEREAS, Edward Wilson has lived during the most eventful  
9 century of this world's history; he has, in his quiet way, been  
10 an outstanding force for good and a stabilizing influence on  
11 those around him during these turbulent years; he now enjoys  
12 spending time with his family; and

13           WHEREAS, Edward Wilson is the father of Robert, Bruce, and  
14 Paula (Bill); the grandfather of nine; the great-grandfather  
15 of 13; and the great-great-grandfather of four; therefore, be  
16 it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
18 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we recognize Edward L. Wilson on the occasion of his 105th  
20 birthday, and we wish him continued peace, good health, and  
21 happiness; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Edward Wilson as an expression of our esteem and  
3 respect.