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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Elmo Ray Younger on the occasion of his 100th birthday on February 18, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Elmo Younger was born in Louisiana on February 18, 1922; he moved to Illinois in his early twenties; he served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was stationed in Europe; and

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WHEREAS, Elmo Younger served as an alderman for the City of Morris for 12 years, becoming the first African American elected to public office in Grundy County; and

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WHEREAS, Elmo Younger continued a life of public service as a member of the Boy Scouts Executive Board for 36 years, a Republican Precinct Committeeman for over 30 years, a juvenile correctional counselor for the Department of Corrections for 29 years, a union representative for the Central States Joint Board for 12 years, and a board member of the Grundy County Health Association for six years; and

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WHEREAS, Elmo Younger was a charter member and department commander of the Chief Shabbona Chapter #86 of the Disabled American Veterans Charity in Morris; and

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1 WHEREAS, Elmo Younger also served as State Chaplain for
2 the Department of Illinois Disabled American Veterans and is a
3 life member of the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of
4 Foreign Wars, and the American Legion; and

5 WHEREAS, Elmo Younger led the effort of creating a
6 memorial to the civilians killed in the Joliet Arsenal
7 explosion of 1942, which was dedicated in 2001; he later
8 served as a member of the Joliet Arsenal Property's
9 Remediation Action Board at the age of 80; and

10 WHEREAS, Elmo Younger was a dedicated husband to his late
11 wife, Frances; he is the father of three children, Cheryl,
12 Ray, and Denise, the grandfather to four grandchildren, and
13 the great-grandfather to numerous great-grandchildren;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Elmo Ray Younger on his 100th birthday on
18 February 18, 2022, thank him for his service to our state and
19 country, and wish him many more wonderful years; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Elmo Younger as an expression of our esteem and
2 respect.