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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Bernard "Bernie" Nash on
4 the occasion of his 100th birthday on November 7, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Bernie Nash was born in Minnesota on November 7,
6 1922; he joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 19 in 1941; he
7 trained at the Glenview Naval Air Station, located north of
8 Chicago, where he learned to fly a single-engine, two-person
9 dive bomber called the Douglas SBD Dauntless; he later saw
10 combat in World War II; he stepped away from active duty,
11 continuing to serve in the U.S. Naval Reserves until he
12 retired as a two-star rear admiral in 1982; and

13 WHEREAS, Bernie Nash took a job with the federal
14 government in the 1960s, during which the Older Americans Act
15 of 1965 had created the Administration on Aging within the
16 U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, where he
17 worked as deputy commissioner; he became a key figure in the
18 fight to establish the Medicare and Medicaid programs that
19 began in 1965; and

20 WHEREAS, Bernie Nash became the first executive director
21 of AARP after leaving the Administration on Aging, and he
22 served in that position until his retirement in 1982; during

1 his tenure, he was credited with establishing the Tax-Aide
2 Program in the 1970s, a program in which AARP volunteers help
3 older Americans file income taxes and save millions of dollars
4 a year by claiming deductions they otherwise might have
5 missed, serving 2.7 million annually today; he was also
6 credited with helping to found the Foster Grandparents
7 program, in which older volunteers serve as mentors and role
8 models to children; and

9 WHEREAS, Bernie Nash was the first speaker at the 2015
10 White House Conference on Aging, where he introduced Valerie
11 Jarrett, senior adviser to then-President Barack Obama, and
12 was also acknowledged as a leading figure in the fight to
13 establish the Medicare and Medicaid programs; and

14 WHEREAS, Bernie Nash currently lives at the Smith Crossing
15 senior living community in Orland Park; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate Bernard "Bernie" Nash on celebrating his 100th
19 birthday, and we wish him many more happy and healthy years;
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Bernie Nash as an expression of our esteem and

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1 respect.