

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Clifton Herford of Chicago
4 who will be celebrating his 104th birthday on May 1, 2003;
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6 WHEREAS, Mr. Herford was born in 1899 in Huntsville,
7 Alabama; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Herford moved from Alabama to Chicago as a
9 young man and was employed by Benefield Glass Company, where
10 he worked for over 30 years; he was married to the late
11 Eleanor for over 40 years and they have 3 children, Ada Ford,
12 James Benson, and Leonard Newman; he has one sister, Bernice;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Herford has witnessed amazing changes in
15 technology throughout his life; most of all, he remembers
16 being a young boy and "walking down the road often, there
17 were no lights and the only way to see was light from
18 lightening bugs."; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Herford is an active member of the Park
20 Manor Neighbors Community Organization and a member of Park
21 Manor Christian Church; he retired as the church custodian
22 when he was 97 years of age; also, he is a former member of
23 the African American League of Alabama; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
26 we recognize Clifton Herford on the occasion of his 104th
27 birthday and wish him good health and happiness in all of his
28 future endeavors; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to Clifton Herford.