



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Hazel Lands, an esteemed  
4 resident of Harrisburg, on the occasion of her 100th birthday  
5 on April 14, 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, She was born Hazel McDermott in 1905 to John and  
7 Etta (Reed) McDermott; and

8 WHEREAS, On May 17, 1922, she married John Will Lands, and  
9 they had four children, George Lowell, Bobby Lee, Billy Mack,  
10 and Randall Gene; and

11 WHEREAS, Hazel's husband was a coal miner and they also had  
12 a small farm and raised registered Poll Hereford cattle; after  
13 her husband passed away, she continued with the farm and  
14 raising cattle; she was also the cook at Pierson School and  
15 Independence School; she loved to cook and loved being around  
16 kids; and

17 WHEREAS, Hazel is known for her delicious coconut pies, her  
18 love for animals, a quilt in the making, plus many other  
19 crafts; and

20 WHEREAS, She is a devoted Christian and member of the  
21 Saline Ridge Missionary Baptist Church; she has spent her life  
22 being a loving mother and friend to all; and

23 WHEREAS, She has been blessed with 10 grandchildren, 18  
24 great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren, and is  
25 eagerly anticipating a great-great-great-grandchild in July of  
26 this year; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
28 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we commend Hazel Lands upon her fulfilling life and reaching  
2 her 100th birthday and extend our sincerest best wishes for her  
3 continued good health and happiness in the future; and be it  
4 further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to Hazel Lands as an expression of our admiration and  
7 esteem.