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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, May Bilek is turning 101 years old on May 1, 2006; she was born on May 1, 1905, to Christine and Fred; she grew up living in a tenant house next to Cubs Park; and

WHEREAS, When Mrs. Bilek was a girl, she would come home from school and sneak out to the family garden where she selectively ate the vegetable that her mother was going to cook for supper; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bilek loved to go dancing; she still tells stories of how she always wore the wrong shoes and that is why her feet hurt to this day; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bilek met her husband, Frank, when he was a tenant in her family's home; after they were married, they lived with her brother and brother-in-law; she still remembers all of the cooking and cleaning after work at the State Tax Commission and poker night, her favorite night of the week; and

WHEREAS, When Mrs. Bilek was 44 years old, she and her husband moved to Elgin, where she lived for 44 years; they rented their home from Ethyl and Wilber Dorschner; after Mrs. Bilek and Mrs. Dorschner were widowed, Mrs. Bilek took care of Mrs. Dorschner when she could no longer take care of herself; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bilek was a bingo volunteer at Heritage Manor for 5 years; in 1993, she came to Heritage Manor as a resident; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bilek was always involved in the community; she enjoyed jury duty and was proud to serve; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bilek and her husband had no children, but

1 Diane Ziros, the daughter of Mrs. Bilek's neighbor and best
2 friend, looked to Mrs. Bilek as a mother and visited her often;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate May Bilek on the occasion of her 101st birthday
7 and wish her many more years of happiness; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Mrs. Bilek as an expression of our respect and
10 esteem.