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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Cornelius
4 Bergbower of Bluford, formerly of Newton, on the occasion of
5 his 79th birthday, May 26, 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, He was born in 1929; in October of 1950 he
7 enlisted in the United States Air Force; after attending
8 Aircraft Engine School in Wichita Falls, Texas, he was assigned
9 to the 305th Bombardment Wing near Tampa, Florida; and

10 WHEREAS, He later became an Aircraft Instrument Specialist
11 at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul; he was instrumental in
12 working with the phase-out of the B-29 Superfortress and the
13 introduction of the new B-47 Stratojet; the Stratojet was a
14 model for commercial airliners and became a vital part of the
15 Korean conflict; and

16 WHEREAS, Upon his discharge in 1953 Mr. Bergbower went to
17 work for the Illinois Central Railroad, where he worked for
18 over 30 years serving as a lineman and Communications Director
19 for the Southern Illinois branch of the railroad; and

20 WHEREAS, He became a collector of Model T parts as well as
21 other Ford parts and cars while working for the railroad; he

1 later started Berg's Antique Auto Parts to manufacture Model A
2 and T radiators, water pumps, and pedal pads for people across
3 the nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Cornelius Bergbower was also the proud owner of a
5 1923 Rickenbacker Opera Coupe, named for Captain Eddie
6 Rickenbacker, a fighter ace during World War I; therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 congratulate Cornelius Bergbower on this special occasion and
11 wish him the best in the future; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Cornelius Bergbower as a symbol of our respect and
14 esteem.