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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are proud to recognize individuals and
4 organizations that have contributed to the welfare of the State
5 of Illinois and its citizens or have distinguished themselves
6 through significant personal achievement; and

7 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives recognize
8 Dr. Zelda Quarles Birdsong of Chicago on the occasion of being
9 recognized as a nonagenarian member of the Women's Missionary
10 Society during the Annual Conference of the Southeast Missouri,
11 Illinois, and Wisconsin Region of the Third Episcopal District
12 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, to be held in August of
13 2008 in St. Louis, Missouri; and

14 WHEREAS, The Women's Missionary Society and Missionary
15 Region President Christine S. Buchanan are saluting all the
16 pioneering members of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
17 who have been blessed to live ninety years or more in order to
18 show God's strength to all the generations that have followed
19 them, as well as in recognition of the Society's 90th
20 anniversary; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Birdsong was born on December 18, 1908; she is
22 a retired teacher and federal government supervisor; she has

1 been a loyal and faithful member of the St. Paul CME Church
2 since 1939; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Birdsong is a member of the CME Hall of Fame;
4 she is also a retired member of the Judicial Council of the
5 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and an active participant
6 in her community block club; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Birdsong serves as the second President of
8 Presidents for the Women's Missionary Council of the CME
9 Church; she holds an Honorary Doctorate from Miles College and
10 has been the recipient of numerous honors, including Chicago
11 District Missionary of the Year, Southeast Missouri, Illinois,
12 and Wisconsin Region Missionary of the Year, Outstanding
13 Missionary of the Year for the CME Connection, and the Special
14 Service Recognition Award from Allen Metropolitan CME Church in
15 Chicago; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Birdsong has also been lavishly honored by the
17 St. Paul CME Church in Chicago with awards that include the
18 Missionary of the Year, St. Paul's Local Women's Missionary
19 Society's 100th Anniversary Special Recognition Award, Steward
20 of the Year, and Woman of the Year; she was also named the
21 first female Steward and is a former Director of Christian
22 Education; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Dr. Zelda Quarles Birdsong on the occasion of
4 being recognized as a nonagenarian member of the Women's
5 Missionary Society and wish her continued success and happiness
6 in the future; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Dr. Zelda Quarles Birdsong as a symbol of our
9 esteem and respect.