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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize Mayetta Epps Miller as
4 the oldest living resident in the State of Illinois as of
5 January 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayetta Epps Miller was the oldest of 6 children,
7 born on April 15, 1901, to Tom and Melissa White in Lewisville,
8 Arkansas; and

9 WHEREAS, Mayetta Epps Miller was educated in Lewisville,
10 Arkansas, and received training at Philander Smith College in
11 Little Rock, Arkansas, where she became a teacher and taught in
12 Arkansas for several years, sharing her love for learning; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1923, Mayetta Epps Miller married Travis Morris
14 Epps; they relocated to East St. Louis and were married for 48
15 years until his death in 1972; to this union 5 children were
16 born and 4 children preceded her in death; she is survived by
17 one loving and devoted son, James Levold Epps Sr.; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1976, Mayetta Epps Miller was remarried to
19 Cliff Miller; he preceded her in death in 1994 after 18 years
20 of marriage; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayetta Epps Miller was a devoted member of the
2 Mt. Zion Baptist Church in East St. Louis for over 88 years and
3 was recognized for service and longevity as the oldest member
4 in term of years of service and age; she was active with the
5 Jennie Thomas Missionary Task Force and an active Senior Usher
6 for more than 50 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Mayetta Epps Miller was also very active in her
8 community where she served as secretary for the American Legion
9 Women's Auxiliary and was a member of the Willing Worker's
10 Social Club for many years; and

11 WHEREAS, Mayetta Epps Miller celebrated her 100th birthday
12 on April 15, 2001, and April 15, 2011, was her 110th birthday;
13 East St. Louis Mayor Alvin Parks designated the day as "Mayetta
14 Epps Miller Day" in East St. Louis; and

15 WHEREAS, On April 13, 2012, Mayetta Epps Miller's 111th
16 birthday, she was recognized on NBC's Today Show by Willard
17 Scott's "Smuckers" on air birthday acknowledgements; and

18 WHEREAS, Mayetta Epps Miller was listed on the internet as
19 a Living Super-centenarian in the United States and on
20 Wikipedia as the 14th oldest living American as of January 2012
21 and the oldest living resident in the State of Illinois; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayetta Epps Miller was featured in numerous
2 articles in the Alton Telegraph, Belleville News Democrat, East
3 St. Louis Monitor, and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Newspapers;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mayetta Epps Miller was a dedicated home-maker,
6 wife, grandmother, beautician, counselor, financial planner,
7 and a phenomenal lady of wisdom, who was alert and had a
8 remarkable memory and legible handwriting until her death on
9 December 31, 2012; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we recognize Mayetta Epps Miller as the oldest living resident
13 in the State of Illinois as of January 2012; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Mayetta Epps Miller as an expression
16 of our esteem and respect.