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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Lorraine Elizabeth Smith
4 on the occasion of her 100th birthday on September 6, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Lorraine Smith was born on September 6, 1915 in
6 Buffalo Hart to Orville and Minnie (nee English) Artis; her
7 twin sister, Corrine, came 15 minutes earlier; along with her
8 brothers, Ashley and D'Arcy, the family settled in Springfield;
9 she and her sister attended Lincoln Public School and were
10 among 3 African-Americans to graduate from Springfield High
11 School in 1931; and

12 WHEREAS, Lorraine Smith moved to Chicago and married George
13 Oliver Smith in 1940; they lived on the South Side and operated
14 a tailor shop; she moved back to Springfield while her husband
15 served in the United States Navy during World War II; her son,
16 George Allan was born in 1944 and her daughter, Janice Ellen
17 was born in 1946; after the war, they settled in Chicago and
18 opened a cleaning and tailoring shop; and

19 WHEREAS, Lorraine Smith always had music a part of her life;
20 her brother played guitar and she was part of a musical
21 quartet, the J and A Melody Maids, along with 2 other sisters;
22 her children all played a musical instrument and she sang in

1 the choir at the local church; and

2 WHEREAS, Lorraine Smith worked for the University of
3 Chicago's School of Social Service Administration, the Chicago
4 Board of Education, and for the Bishop of the Northern Illinois
5 Conference of the United Methodist Church; she retired in 1980
6 and continued to work for her local church; and

7 WHEREAS, Lorraine Smith enjoys westerns, golf, and
8 traveling around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, Lorraine Smith has 4 grandchildren, Paul, Derren,
10 Marcus, and Kristen; one great-granddaughter, Paula; one
11 great-great-granddaughter, Rhea; and a great-granddaughter on
12 the way; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 congratulate Lorraine Elizabeth Smith on her 100th birthday, and
16 we wish her many more wonderful years; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Lorraine Smith as an expression of our esteem and
19 respect.