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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Cecelia Cukla Olejniczak  
4 on the occasion of her 90th birthday; and

5           WHEREAS, Cecelia Olejniczak was born in Chicago on August  
6 15, 1925 to Joseph and Julia Cukla; she attended St. Joseph's  
7 Grammar School and Resurrection High School, where she  
8 performed a piano concert to raise money for the Red Cross to  
9 help troops during World War II and won a contest for her vocal  
10 talents; and

11           WHEREAS, After graduation from high school, Cecelia  
12 Olejniczak continued entertaining with many well-known  
13 orchestras in the Chicagoland area; she also worked in the  
14 family bakery, which was known as the Original Tasty Bakery in  
15 Chicago; she began attending college in 1944 to work on a  
16 musical degree; and

17           WHEREAS, At her mother's request, Cecelia Olejniczak wrote  
18 letters to Joseph Olejniczak, a soldier in World War II, and 2  
19 years later in 1946, they married; they moved to Oak Lawn in  
20 1950, where they raised their 9 children; and

21           WHEREAS, Cecelia Olejniczak became an active parishioner

1 at St. Gerald Church, where she was part of the choir and a  
2 substitute organist; in 1952, she became the full-time organist  
3 at St. Gerald and St. Albert the Great; she also taught piano  
4 and the organ and gave vocal lessons in her home throughout her  
5 90 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Cecelia Olejniczak was at one time the Musical  
7 Director of St. Gerald Church and President of the St. Gerald  
8 Altar and Rosary Society; she earned a Certificate in Church  
9 Liturgy and an Associate Degree in Church Music from St. Joseph  
10 College in Indiana during the 1980s; in 1992, she earned her  
11 Bachelor of Arts in Music from St. Xavier's University in  
12 Chicago; and

13 WHEREAS, Cecelia Olejniczak received a Lifetime  
14 Achievement Award in 2009 for over 50 years of serving as Music  
15 Director at St. Gerald Church; and

16 WHEREAS, Cecelia Olejniczak crochets baby blankets for  
17 newborn babies and hats for cancer patients at Advocate Christ  
18 Medical Center; and

19 WHEREAS, Cecelia Olejniczak is the proud mother of 9;  
20 grandmother of 24; and great-grandmother of 27; therefore, be  
21 it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           that we congratulate Cecelia Cukla Olejniczak on her 90th  
4           birthday and we wish her many more wonderful years; and be it  
5           further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7           presented to Cecelia Olejniczak as an expression of our esteem  
8           and respect.