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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives are honored to recognize significant milestones in the lives of the people of this State; and

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WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that former State Representative Paul Stone of Sullivan is celebrating his 100th birthday; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Stone was born in Newton on September 21, 1915 to Claude and Ruth Stone; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Stone attended one-room country schools until entering Sullivan Township High School, graduating in 1933; following graduation, he worked 2 years in Sullivan at the Brown Shoe company for 12 cents an hour, 10 hours a day, 6 days a week; in 1940, he received a Bachelor of Science in General Business, making him the first in his family to earn a college degree; on June 1, 1942, he received his L.L.B./J.D. law degree from the University of Illinois; he was honored by the University of Illinois Law School as its February 1973 Alumni of the Month; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Stone married Thelma Jones in Benton on February 5, 1939; he was admitted to the practice of law on

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1 September 14, 1942; he was recognized in 1992 by the Illinois
2 Bar Association as a Senior Counsel and by the Moultrie County
3 Bar Association for his 50 years of service as an attorney; he
4 practiced law in Sullivan for 55 years until his retirement as
5 senior partner of Stone and Stone in 1997; he has been
6 recognized by numerous foundations and organizations and is a
7 member of multiple professional and service organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Stone was elected as a State Representative
9 in 1950 to the 67th General Assembly from the 24th District; he
10 was elected again in 1966 as State Representative to the 75th
11 General Assembly for the 48th District and served through the
12 79th General Assembly, in which he was elected Chairman of the
13 Democratic Conference; he also served on the Board of Governors
14 of State Colleges and Universities of Illinois for Eastern
15 Illinois University, Illinois State University, Western
16 Illinois University, and Northern Illinois University; he was a
17 member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the
18 Universities Civil Service Merit System, the Board of the
19 Western Illinois University Foundation, and the Board of the
20 Illinois State University Foundation; in 1994, he was selected
21 as a member of the Centennial 100 as one of 100 individuals who
22 made a significant contribution to Eastern Illinois
23 University's first 100 years; he was elected to the University
24 of Illinois Board of Trustees in 1978 and served 2 terms as
25 President of the Board; and

1 WHEREAS, Rep. Stone is the proud father of 4 children,
2 Elaine Heavy, Paul Lee Stone, Michael L. Stone, and Marsha
3 Daniel; he and his wife have 10 grandchildren, 13
4 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 congratulate former State Representative Paul Stone on the
9 occasion of his 100th birthday, and we extend to him our
10 sincere best wishes for the future; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Rep. Stone as an expression of our respect and
13 esteem.