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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate John William Straub on the  
4 occasion of his 90th birthday on April 14, 2016; and

5           WHEREAS, John Straub was born at home in Park Ridge on  
6 April 14, 1926, the year before the first talking motion  
7 picture; and

8           WHEREAS, John Straub survived a bout of pneumonia in fourth  
9 grade at a time when there were no antibiotics; he received his  
10 permit to drive at age 14 and lived by himself for 2 years with  
11 a housekeeper in Winnetka while his father served as Food  
12 Rationing Director for the United States under President  
13 Franklin Roosevelt; and

14           WHEREAS, John Straub graduated from North Shore Country Day  
15 High School in June of 1944; he then enlisted in the United  
16 States Army Air Corps, where he ensured that the Army's Boca  
17 Raton Photography Lab had all the supplies it needed, which  
18 helped to win World War II; he subsequently graduated from Yale  
19 University in 1949; and

20           WHEREAS, In 1951, John Straub met Jane Easter, who worked  
21 in the Marshall Field's fashion office; he married her on a hot

1 day in Peru, Indiana on June 14, 1952; and

2 WHEREAS, After working at the First National Bank of  
3 Chicago, John Straub joined his father at W.F. Straub &  
4 Company, a food manufacturer, in November of 1952, where he  
5 successfully sold honey, patented dried honey, and molasses  
6 under the SlowAsMolasses label; and

7 WHEREAS, On August 15, 1955, John Straub and his wife had  
8 their first daughter, Joan Easter Straub, who lived her first  
9 year under the piano due to lack of space in their Chicago  
10 apartment; they had their second daughter, Jennifer Straub, on  
11 September 23, 1959; the couple lived at 528 Madison Avenue in  
12 Glencoe from 1956 to 1965, then moved to 771 Sheridan Road in  
13 Winnetka; and

14 WHEREAS, John Straub has traveled extensively and has  
15 danced with Ginger Rogers; he worked as a director at William  
16 Blair from 1965 until his retirement in 1996; and

17 WHEREAS, John Straub has been actively involved in  
18 volunteer work with the Wieboldt Foundation, the Executive  
19 Services Corporation, Planned Parenthood, the Juvenile  
20 Protective Association, and the Winnetka Caucus; he has also  
21 served as an election judge since 1990; and

1           WHEREAS, Following the passing of his first wife, John  
2           Straub dated Shirley Gately, whom he married on July 2, 2008;  
3           the couple holds the record as the oldest couple to be married  
4           in the history of Christ Church; and

5           WHEREAS, John Straub is an outstanding father to his 2  
6           daughters and a loving grandfather to Katherine, Jacqueline,  
7           John, Rebecca, and James; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9           NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
10          congratulate and honor John William Straub on the occasion of  
11          his 90th birthday and wish him all the best in his future  
12          endeavors; and be it further

13          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14          presented to John Straub as an expression of our  
15          congratulations.