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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Mae Schien will celebrate her 90th birthday with a celebratory dinner on May 5, 2006; and

WHEREAS, She was born May 5, 1916 in a windswept house on the prairie near Mullinville, Kansas, the only child of Edwin and Clara Voight, who moved to Kaufman Station, Illinois when she was a young child; and

WHEREAS, Mae was an active athlete and artist; she graduated from Blackburn College and taught art in Maywood and Edwardsville public schools, where she supervised art instruction for the entire district; and

WHEREAS, Mae married her childhood sweetheart, Clarence Schien, on December 27, 1952 and they had a loving marriage, residing in Worden, Illinois for 47 years before he died on June 10, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mae is the proud and caring mother of Suzanne, Karen, Janice, and Sandra; the grandmother of 10: Mark, Deanna, Tim, Annette, Randy, Andrew, Marci, Barrie, Todd, and Jason; and the great grandmother of 11: Brett, Bobby, Michael, Kileen, Mitchell, Tyler, Miranda, Erika, Jessica, Luke, and Alyssa; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Schien is able to live independently with her cat, Kitty, and is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Worden, Illinois, where she attends services regularly; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Schien is an ardent animal lover who nurtured

1 dozens of cats and kittens and also fed and attracted hundreds  
2 of birds when she lived in the country and has a green thumb  
3 that coaxes beauty and blooms from plants, shrubs, and trees;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mae Schien has had such a positive impact on her  
6 daughters and family and sets an example for us all with her  
7 love and compassion for animals and nature; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we congratulate Mrs. Mae Schien on the occasion of her 90th  
11 birthday, and we extend to her our sincere best wishes for the  
12 future; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to Mrs. Schien as an expression of our respect and  
15 esteem.