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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Estella May
4 "Coots" Merz on the occasion of her 80th birthday; and

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WHEREAS, Estella May "Coots" Merz was born to Clarence
6 Miletus Houston and Nellie May Allington in Springfield,
7 Illinois on October 4, 1927; and

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WHEREAS, Estella May "Coots" Merz married William Lee Merz
9 on December 4, 1948; he passed away on July 29, 1999; she is
10 the proud mother of three daughters, Nancy, Sandra, and Mary
11 Ellen, and considers her two Yorkshire Terriers, Missy and
12 Minnie, to be her children as well; and

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WHEREAS, Estella May "Coots" Merz worked briefly at the
14 shoe factory and Springfield Electric, then stayed at home to
15 raise her three daughters while her husband worked as a sheet
16 metal worker; and

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WHEREAS, Estella May "Coots" Merz is known for her sense of
18 humor; she is also known for her love of movies, especially
19 horror movies; over the years, she has single-handedly recorded
20 thousands of hours of movies, including cartoons, science
21 fiction, mysteries, horror, and others; and

1 WHEREAS, Estella May "Coots" Merz has a love of gizmos and
2 gadgets, such as her ring watch and the electric can opener
3 with a built-in clock she bought her daughter Nancy; she keeps
4 up with new technology and is addicted to her computer, which
5 she uses frequently to check the news and weather, download
6 music and videos, and once printed off hundreds of American
7 flags until she ran out of ink; she also loves her big-screen
8 television; and

9 WHEREAS, Estella May "Coots" Merz adopted a healthier
10 lifestyle by walking on the treadmill daily, giving up an
11 addiction to Pepsi and switching to water, and recently taking
12 dancing lessons with her sister Norma; and

13 WHEREAS, Estella May "Coots" Merz is the proud grandmother
14 of Stephen, who is in the Illinois National Guard and recently
15 served in Iraq, and Shelby, who just received her driver's
16 license; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate Estella May "Coots" Merz on the occasion of her
20 80th birthday and wish her many more happy and healthy years to
21 come; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Estella May "Coots" Merz as a symbol of our esteem
3 and respect.