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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Mr. Abraham  
4 Stiggers, Jr. and Mrs. Dorothy J. Stiggers on the occasion of  
5 their 60th wedding anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, Dorothy and Abraham Stiggers met in Memphis,  
7 Tennessee in 1953; a bricklayer by trade, Abraham left Memphis  
8 to work in Chicago in 1954; and

9           WHEREAS, After arriving in Chicago and finding work,  
10 Abraham Stiggers sent for his wife; on September 7, 1955, the  
11 two were joined in holy matrimony; their union has resulted in  
12 8 children, 22 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren; and

13           WHEREAS, Though Abraham Stiggers was a bricklayer since  
14 around the age of 14, he left the profession and became  
15 self-employed in 1971, when he became the business owner of Ms.  
16 Doll's Lounge; and

17           WHEREAS, Answering the call of President John F. Kennedy  
18 when he asked what she can do for her country, Dorothy Stiggers  
19 embarked on a career in nursing, where she faithfully served  
20 for more than 50 years; and

1           WHEREAS, Initially, Dorothy Stiggers was not accepted into  
2 nursing school because of her race, but she petitioned the  
3 President of the United States, the Governor of Illinois, and  
4 the Mayor of Chicago; her persistence paid off and she was  
5 admitted to nursing school; and

6           WHEREAS, Dorothy Stiggers has worked at several hospitals,  
7 including Cook County Hospital (now Stroger Hospital),  
8 Roseland Community Hospital, and the University of Chicago; she  
9 served as the Director of Nursing for several facilities and  
10 programs; for many decades, she has been a member of the  
11 National Chapter of Black Nurses Association, where she served  
12 as Treasurer for her chapter; she has also worked for the City  
13 Colleges of Chicago as an instructor; and

14           WHEREAS, Dorothy Stiggers has been a dedicated member of  
15 Trinity United Church of Christ since 1995; she has been active  
16 in a number of ministries, including the Usher Board, the  
17 Grandparents' Ministry, and Imabasi, a health ministry; she is  
18 also a member of many service organizations; and

19           WHEREAS, Dorothy and Abraham Stiggers enjoy traveling;  
20 Dorothy has been to approximately 45 of the 50 states; after  
21 their 60th anniversary celebration, Dorothy and Abraham will  
22 visit the remaining states; and

1           WHEREAS, Dorothy and Abraham Stiggers' 60 years of marriage  
2           exemplify love in action through their commitment and service  
3           to each other, to their family, and to the community at large;  
4           therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6           NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7           congratulate Mr. Abraham Stiggers, Jr. and Mrs. Dorothy J.  
8           Stiggers on their 60th wedding anniversary and wish them many  
9           happy and healthy years to come; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11          presented to Abraham and Dorothy Stiggers as an expression of  
12          our esteem and respect.