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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate CP Crawford on the occasion of his 111th birthday on August 25, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, CP Crawford was born in Jackson, Mississippi to John and Mattie Crawford on August 25, 1907; his mother passed away when he was an infant, and his father struggled with raising six children while also working in the fields; he and his siblings were all separated and raised by aunts and uncles; and

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WHEREAS, CP Crawford began working in the fields at the age of four and was not allowed to attend school; he spent his days picking cotton, plowing fields for corn, and maintaining the gardens until the age of 12; when he was 13, he was offered a job washing dishes at a cafe; later in life, he worked at the Southland Oil Refinery in Mississippi and the Illinois Central Railroad, which brought him to Chicago; after more than 11 years working for the railroad, he retired; and

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WHEREAS, During his life, CP Crawford was married three times; although he had two biological children, he was a father to six; and

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1 WHEREAS, In November of 2015, with the help of the staff
2 and students of Thornton Fractional South High School and the
3 Activity Director at the Tri-State Nursing and Rehabilitation
4 Center, CP Crawford was issued an honorary high school diploma,
5 complete with a ceremony attended by students, faculty, staff,
6 and administrators from both the high school and Tri-State, as
7 well as village officials; and

8 WHEREAS, CP Crawford has always been known as a loving and
9 caring man who would give his last if it would help someone in
10 need; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate CP Crawford on his 111th birthday on August 25,
14 2018; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to CP Crawford as an expression of our esteem and
17 respect.