



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is the distinct privilege of this Body to
3 recognize milestones in the lives of citizens of the State of
4 Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, On January 30, 2006, Bessie Nolen Smith of Marion
6 will celebrate the 100th anniversary of her birth; and

7 WHEREAS, Bessie Nolen was born on January 30, 1906, at home
8 on Route 3 in Marion to Ed and Lucille Sanders Nolen; she is
9 the mother of the late Creighton A. Smith, a World War II P-47
10 pilot, and the late Leslie W. Smith, a World War II B-17 pilot;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith is a member of the White Shrine and is
13 a past Worthy High Priestess, Dorcus Shrine, Marion; she
14 attended First Christian Church in Johnston City; and

15 WHEREAS, She loves to feed and watch wild animals in her
16 back yard on the family farm; she has made numerous nativity
17 scenes with original clothes and gifts; she also enjoys making
18 flower arrangements and is known for her ability to make
19 beautiful displays; and

20 WHEREAS, People especially enjoy her ability to recall past
21 events and family names and her joke telling; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 we congratulate Bessie Nolen Smith on the occasion of her 100th
25 birthday; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to Bessie Nolen Smith as an expression of our esteem
28 and with our best wishes.