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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Ethel Boswell
4 Darden of Chicago on the occasion of her 108th birthday
5 celebration; and

6 WHEREAS, She was born on February 17, 1900; she served as
7 Assistant Principal at Howalton Day School, the first
8 African-American private school in Chicago, from 1947 to 1986;
9 her birthday celebration has become a Howalton Day School
10 Reunion each year; and

11 WHEREAS, Some of her former students included the children
12 of Judge Eugene Pincham, Judge Earl Strayhorn, Professor Timuel
13 Black, Mayor Eugene Sawyer, and Congressman Ralph Metcalfe; and

14 WHEREAS, She is the oldest living member of Alpha Kappa
15 Alpha and has life membership status; she is a founding member
16 of Alpha Xi Omega, founded June 6, 1929 in Dallas, Texas; their
17 first graduate chapter was the Class of 1921 ; and

18 WHEREAS, She is the oldest living alumni of Wiley College
19 in Marshall, Texas; and

20 WHEREAS, A birthday celebration will be held on February

1 16, 2008 at her residence, Montgomery Place, on South Lake
2 Shore Drive; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate Ethel Boswell Darden on this historic occasion and
6 wish her the best at her birthday celebration; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Ethel Boswell Darden as a symbol of our respect
10 and esteem.