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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Charlessa Wiggins  
4 of Glen Ellyn on the occasion of her 110th birthday on February  
5 9, 2008; and

6           WHEREAS, Named after her father, Charles, Charlessa  
7 Bristol Stark was born in Duluth, Minnesota on February 9,  
8 1898; she moved with her family to Minneapolis, Minnesota in  
9 1912; shortly after World War I, she fell in love with John  
10 David Wiggins; they married in 1928; and

11           WHEREAS, Along with raising her sons, Charlessa Wiggins  
12 served as an activist for women's rights; she belonged to  
13 several study groups and traveled extensively; and

14           WHEREAS, Charlessa Wiggins has served as a volunteer for  
15 various groups throughout her adult life; she was a volunteer  
16 for the University of Minnesota International Department in  
17 conjunction with the State Department in Washington D.C. during  
18 the 1950s, where she and others would play host to visitors  
19 from around the world; while working as a volunteer for St.  
20 Mark's Episcopal Church in Minneapolis during the 1950s, she  
21 made an important discovery when she found books and records in  
22 the basement of the diocese that were to be thrown out; these

1 items turned out to be very significant and valuable historical  
2 records of Bishop Henry B. Whipple, who was elected the first  
3 Episcopal bishop of Minnesota in 1859; and

4 WHEREAS, After the passing of her husband, John, in 1971,  
5 Charlessa Wiggins continued living in Minneapolis until 2004,  
6 when she moved to Wisconsin to be closer to her family; after  
7 her son, David, passed away, she moved to The Meadows in Glen  
8 Ellyn to be closer to her son Peter, where she remains to this  
9 day; and

10 WHEREAS, Charlessa Wiggins wears dresses every day, taking  
11 pride in her meticulous appearance; she loves working crossword  
12 puzzles and reading books; and

13 WHEREAS, Charlessa Wiggins' wonderful family includes her  
14 sons, David and Peter, her grandchildren, Peter Wiggins Jr. and  
15 Sheryl Adkins, and her three great-grandchildren and three  
16 great-great-grandchildren; 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 Charlessa Wiggins on the occasion of her 110th  
20 birthday and wish her many more happy years to come; and be it  
21 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Charlessa Wiggins as a symbol of our esteem and  
3 respect.