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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Mary Sweadner on
4 her 100th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary was born on September 30th, 1910 in the small
6 town of Lynd, Minnesota; she was the second of six children
7 welcomed by Frederick and Mabel Vanstrom; and

8 WHEREAS, After graduating from Winona State Teachers
9 College, Mary began working at the local Montgomery Wards
10 store, earning a good salary and sending money home to help
11 with the younger kids; it was the Great Depression, and she
12 would often have a 5-cent Coke for breakfast, cheaper than
13 orange juice; Wards later sent Mary to their stores throughout
14 Minnesota and the Dakotas when she discovered an accounting
15 error; Mary was then sent to the company headquarters in
16 Chicago, where she worked in "Standard Procedures"; and

17 WHEREAS, She fell in love with the City of Chicago; she
18 loved going to the Art Institute, and has been a long-time
19 member; she met the new guy in the finance department at Wards,
20 Richard Sweadner, they had a whirlwind courtship, and were
21 married on August 2, 1946; and

1 WHEREAS, Dick and Mary welcomed daughter, Sandra, then two
2 years later, Nancy; life changed again when Dick passed away
3 from heart surgery in 1960; Mary returned to work in 1961; she
4 worked at The First National Bank of Lincolnwood; working at
5 the bank in Lincolnwood was something Mary really loved; she
6 was the Assistant Cashier and an officer when she retired in
7 1985; and

8 WHEREAS, Mary is blessed to have such a close and loving
9 family: her daughters, Sandi and Nancy; their husbands, Keith
10 and Bill; her grandchildren, Allison(Zach), Becky(Dan), Amy,
11 Krista, Cassie, and Michael(Anne); her great-grandson, Dillon
12 and two more on the way; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 congratulate Mary Sweadner on her 100th birthday and wish her
16 continued happiness and good health; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Mary Sweadner as a symbol of our respect and
19 esteem.