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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate John R. Alongi on the
4 occasion of his 90th birthday on January 1, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, John Alongi is a caring husband, father,
6 grandfather, brother, and uncle; and

7 WHEREAS, John Alongi spent the early 1950s as a soldier in
8 the Korean War; and

9 WHEREAS, Upon his return from the war, John Alongi began to
10 help operate his father's Italian restaurant, Alongi's;
11 Alongi's celebrated its 83rd anniversary in 2016 and is now the
12 oldest Italian restaurant in Southern Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, John Alongi is a former President of the DuQuoin
14 Business Association, which promotes small businesses in the
15 community; and

16 WHEREAS, John Alongi was the Congressional Economic
17 Director for United States Representatives Kenneth Gray and
18 Glen Poshard; and

19 WHEREAS, Due to his business successes and outstanding work

1 on Capitol Hill, John Alongi was invited by President Ronald
2 Regan to serve on the Conference on Small Business in 1986; and

3 WHEREAS, John Alongi founded the Alongi Legacy Scholarship
4 at Southern Illinois University to help the students of Perry
5 County succeed at college; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 congratulate John R. Alongi on his 90th birthday on January 1,
9 2017, and we wish him many more wonderful years; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to John Alongi as an expression of our esteem and
13 respect.