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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are honored to recognize milestone events in the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Gladys Sabin celebrated the 100th anniversary of her birth on June 3, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, The youngest of six children, Gladys Sabin was born on June 3, 2002 on a farm in Allison Park, Pennsylvania; it was the same farm where her five older brothers were born; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Sabin's father passed away when she was only 7 years old, and the boys all helped work on the farm; a few years after her father's death, the family moved, and some of her brothers took jobs in a nearby steel company, however, Mrs. Sabin's mother wanted to move back to a farm, and she found one in Oswego in a farm catalog; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Sabin moved to the Oswego farm with her mother in 1918; she joined the Methodist church there as organist at age 18, and remained there for 50 years; and

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WHEREAS, While in Oswego, Mrs. Sabin met her future husband, William Sabin, while he was on furlough from World War I; William and Gladys Sabin were married on February 22, 1922, shortly after he returned home from his service in the war; and

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WHEREAS, The Sabins had a muck farm, where they raised beautiful heads of lettuce and winter onions; in addition they had their own cows, chickens, and horses and Mrs. Sabin churned her own butter for 40 years; and

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WHEREAS, The Sabins had three children, Norman, the late

1 William, and Ursula; Mrs. Sabin has 11 grandchildren and 17  
2 great-grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sabin moved to Park Ridge in 1973; she  
4 joined the Des Plaines United Methodist Church and played its  
5 organ chimes for about eight years; she also travelled,  
6 visiting a set of cousins in California every winter for  
7 about eight years and once took a cruise to Hawaii to visit  
8 family; and

9 WHEREAS, Gladys Sabin attributes her long life to hard  
10 work and faith in God; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sabin celebrated her 100th birthday with  
12 family and friends at a small party at the Des Plaines United  
13 Methodist Church; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we congratulate Gladys Sabin on the celebration of her 100th  
17 birthday; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Gladys Sabin as an expression of our esteem.