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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate Beth Tikvah Congregation 4 on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, 60 years ago, a small group of people had a vision to create and sustain a Jewish congregation in the northwest suburbs; today, Beth Tikvah is a vibrant congregation of more than 270 families serving those who live in over 30 communities; and

WHEREAS, Beth Tikvah fosters a joyful approach to Judaism; its services are open to all and often feature their award winning choir; they provide for all life cycle events from baby naming to funerals; and

WHEREAS, Beth Tikvah has an education system that spans early childhood through high school; students who continue with Hebrew classes through high school can earn foreign language credits for their local high schools; and

WHEREAS, Social action and justice is a core value of Beth Tikvah: they serve dinner at a local PADS shelter one evening a month and provide lunch bags for the homeless and frozen meals for those in need; they have a garden that supplies fresh

- 1 vegetables to the local food pantries and sponsor collections
- of winter clothes and women's clothes suitable for those
- 3 reentering the work force; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Beth Tikvah is committed to outreach with local
- 5 churches and mosques, with meetings and socializing in order to
- 6 get to know each other; therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 9 congratulate Beth Tikvah Congregation on its 60th anniversary
- and we wish them many more wonderful years; and be it further
- 11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 12 provided to Beth Tikvah Congregation as a symbol of our respect
- 13 and esteem.