

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of  
3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Reverend and Mrs.  
4 Carlton Heyliger on the occasion of their retirement from  
5 Edgemont Grace Church of the Nazarene in East St. Louis; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1949, Elaine and Carlton Heyliger and their  
7 five children left their home to begin their ministry on the  
8 island of Lequan, situated at the mouth of the Essequilbo  
9 River; they served a racially mixed congregation and  
10 Carlton's familiarity with Hindi and knowledge of Asian  
11 customs was well-used; and

12 WHEREAS, Five years later, the Heyliger family moved to  
13 Pomeroon, a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural community; Reverend  
14 Heyliger traveled from his home base at Pomeroon to 19  
15 different preaching stations, where he sometimes slept in a  
16 small boat, on the floor of a hall, or in a barn; during his  
17 time in Pomeroon, he was offered candidacy for the National  
18 Parliament as the country was seeking its independence; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1960, Reverend Heyliger arrived in Linden at  
20 a critical time in Guyanese history; at a time of racial  
21 violence, he showed leadership and courage as he preached  
22 against racial strife and endangered his life and that of his  
23 family by supporting Asian Christians; he and his wife led by  
24 example by sharing their resources with those in need; and

25 WHEREAS, Reverend Heyliger served as leader of the  
26 Minister's Fraternity and was often called upon to lead  
27 religious services; he served the community as a civic leader  
28 monitoring the placement of American Volunteer Service  
29 Organizations; he was a mediator for the police and the  
30 strife-torn dominating mine unions; he helped to establish  
31 school for adult members of his church who did not have the  
32 opportunity for a secondary education; the Heyliger's home

1 was always open, offering tutoring, jobs, and counseling; and

2 WHEREAS, Reverend and Mrs. Heyliger left Guyana for  
3 Washington, D.C., before going to Rand, West Virginia in  
4 1972; in order to improve his wife's health, the family moved  
5 to Edgemont Grace Church in East St. Louis in 1975, where he  
6 has served faithfully for over 20 years in the church and  
7 community; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we congratulate Reverend and Mrs. Carlton Heyliger on the  
11 occasion of their retirement from Edgemont Grace Church of  
12 the Nazarene after 20 years of faithful service and 54 years  
13 in the ministry; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Reverend and Mrs. Carlton Heyliger as an  
16 expression of our respect and esteem and with our sincere  
17 thanks for their commitment to serving the people of the  
18 State of Illinois and the world.