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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Bishop Horace E. Smith on
4 his 32nd anniversary as Pastor of Apostolic Faith Church in
5 Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, He graduated as an honor student from the Lindblom
7 High School in Chicago, received his Bachelor of Science (with
8 honors) degree from Chicago State University; his M.D. from the
9 University of Illinois Medical Center; completed his Pediatric
10 Residency at the University of Illinois Hospital; and completed
11 his Clinical Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at
12 Children's Memorial Hospital/Northwestern University; and

13 WHEREAS, He served as director of the Comprehensive Sickle
14 Cell/Thalassemia Program at Children's Memorial Hospital; he
15 currently serves as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at
16 Northwestern Medical School, and is recognized world-wide as an
17 outstanding pediatrician in his field; and

18 WHEREAS, He became pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church on
19 March 28, 1980; he was appointed a District Elder of the
20 Illinois District Council (I.D.C.) of the Pentecostal
21 Assemblies of the World in 1983; he served as Chairman of the
22 I.D.C. from 1986-1991; he was appointed to the Board of Aenon

1 Bible College of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World in
2 1989; and he was appointed a Suffragan Bishop in 1994; and

3 WHEREAS, He served as the General Secretary of the
4 Pentecostal Assemblies of the World 1996-1997, and was elevated
5 to the office of Bishop in August of 1997; in June 1998, Dr.
6 Smith was installed as Diocesan Bishop of the 14th Episcopal
7 District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, which
8 includes the states of Kansas, Colorado, and Western Missouri;
9 on July 29, 2004, Bishop Smith was elected to the office of
10 Presiding Bishop of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World and
11 served 2 full terms until August of 2010; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith serves on the Board of the historic
13 Wabash YMCA, which was purchased by 4 community churches,
14 including Apostolic Faith Church; the churches redeveloped and
15 reshaped the Y for community services, including SRO housing;
16 since 2001, Dr. Smith has also served as a Board Member of the
17 Family Institute at Northwestern University, as a member of the
18 University of Chicago Cancer Research Center-Community Health
19 Advisory Board, and more recently, as a member of World Vision
20 International; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2002, Dr. Smith and the Apostolic Faith Church
22 partnered with World Vision to sponsor orphaned children whose
23 parents died as a result of HIV/AIDS; to date, over 1,000

1 children have been adopted by members of the congregation; Dr.
2 and Sis. Smith have traveled to South Africa, along with World
3 Vision, to view first-hand the devastation caused by the AIDS
4 virus; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Smith is an avid and accomplished Bible
6 scholar and has been part of many organizations within the
7 church, from the Boy Scout Troop of his youth to singing in the
8 choirs; his dedicated ministry reaches not only the
9 congregation but his belief in God and the power of salvation
10 and healing extends to his medical profession as a concerned
11 and committed pediatrician (specializing in
12 hematology/oncology) for critically ill children; through his
13 prayers and faith in God as a healer, Dr. Smith has seen God's
14 healing power reverse the course of illness in the lives of his
15 patients; and

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17 WHEREAS, Bishop Smith has been happily married to Susan
18 Davenport Smith since 1976; they met at the University of
19 Illinois where Susan graduated with a B.S. in Pharmacy; they
20 have 3 beautiful daughters, Lauren Elrod, Rachel Horton, and
21 Emily Green, along with their sons-in-law, Brian Elrod,
22 Courtney Horton, and Patrick Green; and granddaughter,
23 Lillian; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate Bishop Horace Smith on this anniversary
3 occasion and wish him continued success in the future; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Bishop Horace Smith as a symbol of our respect and
7 esteem.