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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Progressive  
4 Baptist Church in Aurora on the occasion of the 50th  
5 anniversary of its founding; and

6           WHEREAS, Progressive Baptist Church was organized in 1963  
7 and held its first service in the Little Theatre of East Aurora  
8 High School on December 4th of that year; under the tutelage of  
9 the Reverend Robert Wesby, the church began with a congregation  
10 of 11 people; and

11           WHEREAS, Progressive Baptist Church moved to a location on  
12 North Lincoln Avenue in September 1966, where it remained for  
13 42 years; ground was broken in 2006 for a new location on  
14 Barnes Road, which opened in 2008; and

15           WHEREAS, The Reverend Roy R. Brown took over as Senior  
16 Pastor in September 1988, and, under his leadership,  
17 Progressive Baptist Church saw its average attendance grow to  
18 275 people, with a membership of over 500; and

19           WHEREAS, Upon Reverend Brown's retirement in December of  
20 2012, the Reverend Kevin James Bedford was installed as Senior  
21 Pastor on August 25, 2013; and

1           WHEREAS, A celebration banquet will be held on December 7,  
2           2013 at Gaslite Manor in Aurora; therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4           NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5           we congratulate Progressive Baptist Church on its 50th  
6           anniversary, and wish it many more successful years; and be it  
7           further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9           presented to Progressive Baptist Church as an expression of our  
10          esteem and respect.