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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Reverend Dr. L. Bernard Jakes on the 15th anniversary of his role as pastor/teacher at West Point Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Jakes has dedicated his life to serving his community as a teacher, leader, and advocate; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Jakes began his education at the Nicholas Copernicus Elementary School and the Marie Sklodowska Curie Metropolitan High School for the Performing and Technical Arts; he furthered his education with a Bachelor of Arts from Elmhurst College, a Master of Arts from the Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary at Northwestern University, and a Doctor of Ministry from the United Theological Seminary; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Jakes has witnessed and worked to bring about numerous spiritual, financial, and administrative successes over his past 15 years as a leader at West Point Missionary Baptist Church; and

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WHEREAS, The service and ministry of Dr. Jakes expands far beyond the walls of the church and into the streets of his

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1 community; and

2 WHEREAS, The service of Dr. Jakes includes the creation of
3 the Operation H.O.P.E. Food and Clothing Pantry in response to
4 the needs of his neighbors, which serves over 20,000 people
5 annually; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Jakes envisioned the creation of the Domestic
7 Violence and Advocacy Ministry, where men, women, and children
8 who experience physical and emotional violence receive
9 support, resources, and love from their faith family at West
10 Point Missionary Baptist Church; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Jakes utilizes his voice as a local pastor to
12 speak to policymakers as well as community members the truth as
13 it relates to social justice and accountability; and

14 WHEREAS, The passion and commitment of Dr. Jakes to bring
15 about social justice has led him to advise local, State, and
16 federal politicians on issues vital to his faith community
17 including sensible gun laws, increasing the minimum wage, and
18 education funding reform; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
21 congratulate the Reverend Dr. L. Bernard Jakes on the 15th

1 Anniversary of his role as pastor/teacher at West Point
2 Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Dr. Jakes as an expression of our esteem and
5 respect.