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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Pastor Watson Jones III on his election as the Senior Pastor of Compassion Baptist Church in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Jones has a Bachelor of Arts in Business from Trinity International University, a Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric from Christian Theological Seminary; and

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WHEREAS, Before his election at Compassion Baptist Church, Pastor Jones served as a Staff Pastor, Children's Pastor, and eventually Youth Pastor at his home church, Salem Baptist Church of Chicago, where he also led a group of 1,000 members in various church-wide activities; he then served in a dual, two-year church-planting residency under the leadership of Dr. Eric Mason of Epiphany Fellowship in North Philadelphia and Fellowship Associates in Little Rock Arkansas; he was the Lead and Founding Pastor of Restoration Church, which he started in the Germantown section of Philadelphia; he also served as the Director of Multicultural Development at Trinity International University; and

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1 WHEREAS, Pastor Jones delivered his first official sermon
2 in the pulpit at Compassion Baptist Church on February 4, 2018;
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4 WHEREAS, Pastor Jones and his wife, Kelli, have three
5 children, Yeshaya, Watson IV, and Ellison; they reside on
6 Chicago's South Side; 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 Pastor Watson Jones III on his election as the
10 Senior Pastor of Compassion Baptist Church, and we wish him
11 continued success; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Pastor Jones as an expression of our esteem and
14 respect.