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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Immanuel Lutheran Church of Palatine on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, On February 20, 1869, a meeting was held on the platform of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad in Palatine to discuss the creation of a Lutheran congregation; and

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WHEREAS, On March 9, 1869, the Battermann, Engelking, Greb, Hartung, Knickrehm, Prellberg, Senne, Schirding, and Schroeder families met to officially organize a congregation and create the church to be known as the Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Congregation Unaltered Augsburg Confessions of Palatine; and

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WHEREAS, The congregation later joined the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod on May 4, 1873; and

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WHEREAS, Immanuel Lutheran Church had humble beginnings; the church was heated by a potbellied stove and had a pump-organ that was operated by a person hidden behind a door who would pump throughout each song while the organ played; and

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WHEREAS, Until World War II, the main language spoken in the church was German; it was stopped due to anti-German

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1 sentiment; and

2 WHEREAS, At least ten members of the Immanuel Lutheran
3 Church have become pastors; and

4 WHEREAS, To this day, the Immanuel Lutheran Church of
5 Palatine provides its local community with both traditional and
6 contemporary services, adult education, youth, women and men's
7 ministries, as well as web broadcasts; the church also operates
8 an award-winning school with classes from pre-school to eighth
9 grade; and

10 WHEREAS, Immanuel Lutheran Church will be commemorating
11 its anniversary with a year-long celebration titled, "Living a
12 Legacy of Faith"; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate Immanuel Lutheran Church of Palatine on the
16 occasion of its 150th anniversary; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the congregation of the Immanuel Lutheran Church
19 of Palatine as a symbol of our esteem and respect.