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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Reverend Silas Johnson on 35 years as pastor of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Springfield; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson is a native of Macon, Mississippi and has lived in Springfield for many years; he graduated from Noxubee County High School in Macon and attended Lincoln Land Community College and the United Theological Seminary, where he earned his Bachelor of Theology in Religious Studies; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson was ordained at the age of 25, and his service to Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, the Springfield religious community, and the community-at-large is extensive; he has taught Sunday school, directed several ministries, and served on task forces; he is a member of the NAACP; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson is the visionary behind Nehemiah Expansion, Inc., a not-for-profit outreach ministry that includes Nehemiah Affordable Housing, which has built over 80 houses on the eastside of Springfield, and the Nehemiah Child Development Center, which provides high quality daycare at three locations; he also helps operate a technology center

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1 through Calvary in collaboration with the Springfield Housing
2 Authority to help residents who are interested in finding
3 employment or gaining academic advancement learn important
4 technological and computer skills; and

5 WHEREAS, This year, Rev. Johnson is also helping Calvary
6 Missionary Baptist Church celebrate the 100th anniversary of
7 its founding; and

8 WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson is a certified electrician and
9 retired in July of 2010 from a long career with City Water,
10 Light and Power; and

11 WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson and his wife, Loretta, are the
12 parents of three children together, Isaiah, Samuel LeJuane, and
13 Silas Adrian II; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate Reverend Silas Johnson on 35 years as pastor of
17 Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and wish him many more
18 wonderful years; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Rev. Johnson as a symbol of our respect and
21 esteem.