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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Dr. John Carl Bowling on
4 the occasion of his retirement as president of Olivet Nazarene
5 University; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Bowling has been the president of Olivet
7 Nazarene University since 1991; prior to becoming president, he
8 served for eight years as the senior pastor of the College
9 Church of the Nazarene in Bourbonnais; he also served as senior
10 pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene in Dallas, Texas; he
11 has been a member of the faculty at Nazarene Bible College in
12 Colorado Springs, Colorado and at Olivet Nazarene University;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Bowling holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religion
15 and a Master of Arts in Theology from Olivet Nazarene
16 University, a Master of Religious Education and a Doctor of
17 Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a
18 Doctor of Ministry from Southern Methodist University, and an
19 honorary Doctor of Divinity, which was conferred upon him by
20 Olivet during its centennial celebration; he was also chosen as
21 a Resident Fellow for post-doctoral studies at Harvard
22 University; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Bowling is active with a variety of
2 professional organizations and local community affairs,
3 including membership on the board of the People's Bank in
4 Kankakee; he served for many years as vice chairman of the
5 Riverside Health System Board of Directors and for ten years as
6 a member of the Board of Trustees of Rush University Medical
7 Center in Chicago; he has also served as a member of the United
8 Way board and the board of the Kankakee Valley Chamber of
9 Commerce; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Bowling is a former Chairman of the Board of
11 Directors of the Nazarene Publishing House in Kansas City,
12 Missouri and a former member of the Church of the Nazarene
13 Foundation Board of Directors; he also served for 12 years as a
14 member of the general board for the Church of the Nazarene,
15 including eight years as president; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Bowling was selected as Citizen of the Year by
17 the Chamber of Commerce and is a recipient of the Community
18 Alliance Beacon Award; he was also selected for special
19 community recognition as Samaritan of the Year; recently, he
20 was awarded the CASE V Chief Executive Leadership Award; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Bowling is also an accomplished writer, having
22 authored over 65 published articles and six books; therefore,
23 be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Dr. John Carl Bowling on his retirement as
4 president of Olivet Nazarene University, and we wish him the
5 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Dr. Bowling as a symbol of our respect and esteem.