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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Pastor Richard D. McCreary II, Ph.D. on the 40th anniversary of being installed as the pastor of New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church in Phoenix, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor McCreary was born in Evergreen, Alabama to Leodia P. and Richard D. McCreary Sr. on May 14, 1967; he was ordained on March 1, 1970 at the Rockhill Baptist Church in Carbondale, where he served as interim pastor until 1971; in 1980, he became senior pastor of New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church after serving for seven years as associate pastor; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor McCreary was formerly a teacher in the public school systems of Georgia and Alabama; for 24 years, he was employed as a professor of composition at Governors State University in University Park, where he was voted Professor of the Year in 1984; he retired in 1996; he was also employed as an adjunct professor of preaching at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor McCreary has been the recipient of numerous awards for outstanding community service and leadership; he was

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1 the winner of the State of Iowa Award for Composition and the
2 Clapp Memorial Award for Composition; most recently, he was
3 bestowed with The Carter G. Woodson Award and the Worker Award;
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5 WHEREAS, Pastor McCreary has a Bachelor of Science from
6 Florida A&M University, a Master of Arts from Southern Illinois
7 University, a Master of Divinity from Northern Baptist
8 Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Philosophy from the
9 University of Iowa; and

10 WHEREAS, Pastor McCreary is a member of the Greater New Era
11 District Association of Chicago and Vicinity and the Phi Mu
12 Alpha, Kappa Psi, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternities; he was a
13 staff writer for The Worker; he is the founder of the New
14 Covenant Christian Academy and currently serves as the
15 executive director; he is also the founder of the New Covenant
16 Theological Institute; and

17 WHEREAS, Pastor McCreary is married to his college
18 sweetheart, Barbara J. Pearson-McCreary M.D.; the McCreary's
19 are the parents of Angela D. McCreary-Raybon, Nicole R.
20 McCreary-Casmeay, and Richard D. McCreary III and the proud
21 grandparents of seven beautiful grandchildren and one
22 great-grandchild; therefore, 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 Pastor Richard D. McCreary II, Ph.D. on the
4 40th anniversary of being installed as the pastor of New
5 Covenant Missionary Baptist Church in Phoenix, Illinois, and we
6 wish him many more wonderful years; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Pastor McCreary as a symbol of our respect and
9 esteem.