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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Senior Pastor James and First Lady Corliss Moody on their retirement from serving as Senior Pastor and First Lady of the Quinn Chapel AME Church; and

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WHEREAS, Quinn Chapel is the oldest African American Church in the City of Chicago; it was founded in 1844 and incorporated in 1847 which was just ten years after the incorporation of the City of Chicago; in 1891, it purchased the land at its current site at 2401 Wabash Ave, and a group of African Americans designed and built the church structure that stands today; and

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WHEREAS, The Quinn Chapel AME church building was designated a Chicago Landmark in 1977 and added to the National Registry of Historic Places in 1979; and

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WHEREAS, Quinn Chapel was instrumental in the founding of Provident Hospital and Elm House; historically, the church has been and continues to be an influential voice of empowerment and change in the City of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Moody has been a pastor for 39 years; in

1 2002, he became Senior Pastor of Quinn Chapel African
2 Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago; and

3 WHEREAS, Along with Pastor Moody's many roles and
4 responsibilities as Senior Pastor, he embarked on developing
5 partnerships to restore the church structure befitting its
6 historical prominence; he leaves a tireless legacy of
7 restoration of lives and structures; he has been a community
8 activist and a voice for those who had none, fighting for
9 justice for all; and

10 WHEREAS, Pastor Moody has worked in the local community,
11 the community at large, the City of Chicago, and beyond to
12 fulfill the mission of the AME church which is "to minister to
13 the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and
14 environmental needs of all people"; and

15 WHEREAS, Pastor Moody has been a representative of the
16 ongoing fight for civil rights and social justice in this
17 country; he continues to uplift the underserved and to educate
18 throughout all his endeavors by seeking out and saving the
19 lost and serving the needy; and

20 WHEREAS, Because of Pastor Moody's commitment to service,
21 he has opened the church doors to all that needed a helping
22 hand; he is a man of distinction and honor and has given much

1 of himself to lift the welfare of others; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we wish to congratulate Senior Pastor James and First Lady
5 Corliss Moody on their retirement from serving as Senior
6 Pastor and First Lady of the Quinn Chapel AME Church and wish
7 them luck in all their future endeavors; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent
9 to Pastor James and First Lady Corliss Moody and the Quinn
10 Chapel AME Church as a symbol of our esteem and respect.