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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Cathedral of Joy  
4 (COJ) Family Life Center Church on the occasion of its 44 years  
5 in ministry; and

6 WHEREAS, COJ Family Life Center Church was originally  
7 established as United Baptist Church in the home of Reverend  
8 and Mother J. H. Hinkle Sr. at 15725 South Ashland Avenue in  
9 Harvey in June 1977; the church then moved to a building at 231  
10 East 146th Street in Harvey; and

11 WHEREAS, United Baptist Church was renamed the Cathedral  
12 of Joy Church by Deacon Samuel E. Hinkle and chartered in 1977;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The COJ Church's first deacons were Deacon Samuel  
15 Hinkle III, Deacon Henry Thompson, Deacon Clinton Mobley, and  
16 Deacon Clyburn Rogers; the church's first secretary was Sister  
17 Mary Thompson, who served from 1977 to 1980, and first clerk  
18 was Sister Geri Pitts, who served from 1980 to 1983; and

19 WHEREAS, Deacon Samuel E. Hinkle III announced his calling  
20 to preach in November 1978, becoming ordained by his father,  
21 Pastor J.H. Hinkle, in January 1979; he acted as assistant

1 pastor and later became co-pastor to his father; he became  
2 pastor after his father passed on October 24, 1982; and

3 WHEREAS, The COJ Church continued to expand rapidly during  
4 the 1980s, leading church leaders to search for a new  
5 location; the church relocated to Kedzie and Flossmoor Road in  
6 Flossmoor under the visionary stewardship of Pastor Samuel E.  
7 Hinkle III on October 16, 1988; and

8 WHEREAS, The COJ Church's growth continued through the  
9 1990s, during which the church implemented the twofold  
10 objective of evangelism and discipleship; and

11 WHEREAS, The COJ Church continued its journey, relocating  
12 to 20401 Western Avenue in the Village of Olympia Fields on  
13 Good Friday, April 2, 2010, where it remains today; and

14 WHEREAS, The COJ Church continues to serve its  
15 parishioners and the community through a number of ministries;  
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
18 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we congratulate Cathedral of Joy Family Life Center Church on  
20 its 44 years in ministry, and we wish the church continued  
21 success; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to COJ Family Life Center Church as an expression of  
3 our esteem and respect.