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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

- 2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate St. John's Evangelical 4 Lutheran Church of Bloomington on the occasion of its 150th 5 anniversary; and
- 6 WHEREAS, In August 1872, Swedish immigrants moved to 7 Bloomington to work in the coal mines; and
- 8 WHEREAS, At the invitation of the Swedish immigrant 9 families, Dr. T. N. Hasselquist, a professor at Augustana 10 College, assisted in the official formation of what was then 11 called the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bloomington 12 on December 8, 1872; and
- 13 WHEREAS, In the years that followed, the small band of
 14 Christians grew alongside the impact of their ministry to the
 15 Bloomington-Normal area and the world; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Today, the church is known as St. John's
 17 Evangelical Lutheran Church; and
- 18 WHEREAS, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church celebrates 19 its rich 150-year history as it seeks to continue blessing 20 others by living its values to worship, love, give, and grow as

- 1 a community of believers; 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 congratulate St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of
- 5 Bloomington on its 150 years, and we wish the church continued
- 6 success; and be it further
- 7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 8 presented to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church as an
- 9 expression of our esteem and respect.