

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish  
3 to congratulate Reverend Otto T. "Butch" Houston, III as he  
4 is elevated to the office of Bishop in the 2nd District of  
5 the Metropolitan Spiritual Churches of Christ, Inc. on  
6 Sunday, April 27, 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Houston was elected Pastor of the First  
8 Church of Deliverance on March 17, 1996; he was installed as  
9 Pastor on May 28, 1996; and

10 WHEREAS, During his seven year tenure as Pastor of First  
11 Church of Deliverance, Reverend Houston's biggest  
12 accomplishment has been bringing the church completely out of  
13 debt; in addition, he led the complete renovation of property  
14 which was donated to the church; he brought about major  
15 improvements on several facilities, the installation of  
16 security gates, and new lighting and pavement; he directed  
17 the efforts to completely renovate the community center,  
18 including the day care center, the dining room, and the third  
19 floor; and

20 WHEREAS, Reverend Houston has initiated many new programs  
21 at First Church of Deliverance including The Armor Bearers,  
22 the Rev. Otto T. Houston Visionary Group, the Travel  
23 Committee, the Shadow Program, the Power Hour, the Spiritual  
24 Get-A-Way for the choir's anniversary, and ministries for  
25 HIV/substance abuse as well as marriage (solidarity) and  
26 singles; and

27 WHEREAS, Reverend Houston has presided over several  
28 Founder's Day dinners and services; he initiated All in One  
29 which is a sit down congregational communion, Million Dollar  
30 Sundays for special building fund donations, and a Men's Day  
31 Celebration every fifth Sunday; and he oversaw the  
32 installation of the state of the art OttoMax Theater on the

1 third floor of the community center; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we congratulate Reverend Otto T. "Butch" Houston, III for his  
5 accomplishments as Pastor of the First Church of Deliverance,  
6 and upon his elevation to the office of Bishop of the 2nd  
7 District, Metropolitan Spiritual Churches of Christ, Inc. on  
8 Sunday, April 27, 2003; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Reverend Otto T. "Butch Houston, III as a token  
11 of our respect and esteem.