

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Central Christian Church in Mt. Vernon was
3 organized on October 3, 1853 and is celebrating its
4 sesquicentennial anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, The congregation struggled for 21 years,
6 disbanded for 12 years, and used a house of worship for 26
7 years; the church is a nondenominational fellowship of
8 believers in Jesus Christ who have no creeds but Christ, no
9 book but the Bible and no name but Christian; and

10 WHEREAS, By 1915, the congregation was outgrowing its
11 building so they built a new structure at Tenth and North
12 Street in Mt. Vernon; this structure was dedicated in 1916
13 and is still in use today for classrooms, chapel, prayer
14 room, and Counseling Center; and

15 WHEREAS, In early 1950, it was decided that a new
16 auditorium was needed and in 1956 the new worship auditorium
17 was built; and

18 WHEREAS, As time progressed and the church continued to
19 disciple followers for Jesus, it found itself in need of more
20 space; it was also decided that a Family Life Activity Center
21 would be helpful to the growth of the church; so the plans
22 were made and construction began; on April 14, 1991, the
23 building was dedicated to the Lord's Service; and

24 WHEREAS, The Central Christian Church has reached its
25 150th anniversary with a vision for the future and a goal of
26 being faithful to God's will; the church's attendance has
27 grown to 950 to 1000 in worship; therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
29 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
30 we recognize the Central Christian Church on the occasion of
31 its sesquicentennial anniversary of service to the citizens

1 of Mt. Vernon; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Jamie Allen, Preaching Minister, as an
4 expression of our respect and esteem.