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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Reverend Hubert D. Bankhead on receiving a 2004 Governor's Award for Unique Achievement, which is awarded by the Department on Aging to individuals who have made exceptional contributions on behalf of older persons and their families in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Bankhead was nominated by the Midland Area Agency on Aging; he is the minister of Second Baptist Church in Centralia; his ministry to the Centralia community has been a well-recognized effort that has resulted in a better, more caring community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Bankhead instituted a soup and sandwich ministry for the elderly, homeless, and hungry; he began a wellness ministry to provide information and education on staying healthy and has organized several health informational fairs; he started an early morning service in the low-income housing area and brings ministry to the people; he believes in involving the entire community in meeting their health, nutritional, and spiritual needs; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Bankhead is tireless in his efforts; he is a Vietnam veteran, where he served as a helicopter pilot, was shot down, and lost his legs; this has never deterred him from teaching, helping others, and sharing God's love; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Reverend Hubert D. Bankhead on receiving a 2004 Governor's Award for Unique Achievement and we express our gratitude for his many contributions to the community; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Reverend Hubert D. Bankhead as an expression of
3 our respect and esteem.