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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the pastor and  
4 congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena as they  
5 celebrate the church sesquicentennial; and

6           WHEREAS, On March 14, 1857, Reverend George Donmeyer and  
7 Reverend Eli Fair were missionaries who formed two separate  
8 congregations in Lena; Reverend Fair led the Amity Lutheran  
9 Church, an English-speaking congregation, and Reverend  
10 Donmeyer led the German-speaking congregation at Immanuel  
11 Lutheran Church; and

12           WHEREAS, The two congregations built and shared one  
13 building, developing a church schedule that allowed members to  
14 worship at whatever service fit their needs; in 1868 the Amity  
15 congregation purchased the building and the members of Reverend  
16 Donmeyer's congregation moved to a new building; and

17           WHEREAS, In 1966 the two churches merged to form the Good  
18 Shepherd Lutheran Church, celebrating their 40th anniversary  
19 of merging last year; the pastor during the merge, Reverend  
20 Richard Bailey, returned to help the church celebrate the  
21 anniversary; and

1           WHEREAS, The current pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran  
2 Church is Reverend Roger Hurlbut; therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 congratulate the pastor and congregation of Good Shepherd  
6 Lutheran Church on this momentous occasion and wish them the  
7 best in the future; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Reverend Roger Hurlbut as a symbol of our respect.