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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Reverend Frank  
4 McSwain Sr. on the occasion of his retirement as pastor of  
5 Mount Pisgah Baptist Church in Bloomington; and

6           WHEREAS, Reverend Frank McSwain Sr. was born on August 13,  
7 1954; he attended school at the University of Phoenix, Lincoln  
8 College, and Trinity Christian College; and

9           WHEREAS, Reverend Frank McSwain Sr. was ordained as a  
10 minister in 1978 from the Christian Fellowship District Baptist  
11 Association; he began his ministerial work at the Shining Start  
12 Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, serving there from 1979  
13 to 1983; he then went to Mount Pisgah Baptist Church in 1984,  
14 where he served until his retirement; and

15           WHEREAS, Reverend Frank McSwain Sr. has worked with many  
16 civic and social organizations, such as Youth Impact of  
17 Bloomington-Normal, the "Share" Program, the Minority Advocacy  
18 Council, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Boys and Girls Club, the  
19 Not In Our Town Coalition, Neighbor-to-Neighbor, the Community  
20 Gospel Singers of Bloomington-Normal, Cultural Fest of  
21 Bloomington-Normal, the Foster Care Coalition of McLean  
22 County, One Church One Child of Illinois, and the Family and

1 Community Center of McLean County, where he has served as  
2 President and Chief Executive Officer since July 2004; and he  
3 has served as 1st Vice Moderator, minister of music, youth  
4 advisor, and district musician for the Orthodox Woodriver  
5 District Baptist Association; he served as Nominating  
6 Committee chair, Biblical instructor, and State advisor for the  
7 Illinois Baptist State Convention; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend Frank McSwain Sr. has been the recipient  
9 of many awards in recognition of his community service,  
10 including the 1987 Bloomington Cultural Festival Inc. Award,  
11 the 1991 Dr. Martin Luther King Gospel Festival Award, the 1996  
12 Mason's Elijah Betts #33 Citizen of the Year Award, the 1996  
13 Black Student Union Kick Off Award, the 1996  
14 Neighbor-to-Neighbor Award, the 1997 McLean County Community  
15 Compact Award, the 1997 Bahi light Unity Award, the 1998  
16 Illinois Municipal Human Relations Award, and the 1999  
17 Bloomington Human Relations Award; he was given an award from  
18 the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Central  
19 Illinois Chapter in 2002; and he was the recipient of awards  
20 from the McLean County Urban League, the South Suburban Family  
21 Shelter, Inc., and Trinity Christian College in 2005; and

22 WHEREAS, Reverend Frank McSwain Sr. and his wife, Bettye,  
23 have 5 children, Frank L. Jr., Angel, Kanisha, Justin, and  
24 Xavier; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3 congratulate Reverend Frank McSwain Sr. on the occasion of his  
4 retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the  
5 future; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to Reverend Frank McSwain Sr. as a symbol of our  
8 esteem and respect.