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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the congregation  
4 of the Galena United Methodist Church on the occasion of the  
5 church's 175th anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, The first congregation of the Galena United  
7 Methodist Church was organized in 1829 and consisted of only  
8 six members; the congregation held services in a house on Bench  
9 Street in Galena until 1832, when the members began  
10 construction of a new church; the first church burned to the  
11 ground in January 1838 and was immediately replaced with a new  
12 stone and brick building, which was dedicated in 1841; the  
13 first parsonage still remains on the hillside of the church's  
14 lot and is known as the Osprey's Nest; the church's current  
15 building was built in 1856 and was dedicated in January 1857;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, The Galena United Methodist Church contains many  
18 beautiful stained glass windows and a Moline Pipe Organ, which  
19 were installed in 1868; and

20           WHEREAS, The Galena United Methodist Church has served as a  
21 house of worship for such famous people as Ulysses S. Grant,  
22 who attended the church with his family, and the Reverend John

1 Vincent, who served the church and organized his teaching  
2 classes, which became the great Chautauqua movement; and

3 WHEREAS, The Galena United Methodist Church will hold a  
4 special anniversary service celebrating its past, present, and  
5 future on September 9, 2007 at 10 A.M.; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 congratulate the congregation of the Galena United Methodist  
9 Church on the occasion of the church's 175th anniversary and  
10 wish the congregation continued success and happiness in the  
11 future; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Reverend Dan Schenck as a symbol of our esteem and  
14 respect.