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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 Dutchtown Church of the Brethren on the occasion of the
5 church's 150th anniversary on September 20, 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, The Milledgeville Church of the Brethren was first
7 organized in the fall of 1858 by a group of Pennsylvania Dutch
8 who had settled in the area; after purchasing land from the
9 government for \$1.50 an acre, a Love Feast was held at the
10 church's inaugural organization meeting; the church originally
11 consisted of 30 charter members; charter member Henry Myers,
12 originally from Maryland, was instrumental in organizing the
13 church, with him and his family traveling by horse and wagon, a
14 cargo boat, and train to get to Dutchtown; and

15 WHEREAS, The Dutchtown Church of the Brethren's first
16 church services were held in Henry Myers' home and later were
17 held in a schoolhouse; around the year of 1860, the ground was
18 dedicated for the first dedicated church and cemetery, with the
19 church building finished in 1866; the church that was first
20 built, a 30 by 66 foot building, still stands to this day with
21 some additions, namely a remodeling project in 1915, another
22 extensive remodeling project in 1955, and a remodeling project
23 currently in progress; and

1 WHEREAS, Today, the Dutchtown Church of the Brethren serves
2 families from the areas of Milledgeville, Shannon, Lanark,
3 Chadwick, Sterling, Polo, and Rock Falls; the church has a
4 strong ministry for children and youth, as well as junior and
5 senior high youth groups; the church also has church camp
6 services, coffee hours on Sundays, choir services, group meals,
7 a Young at Heart class that meets regularly and invites those
8 who do not attend church, the Women of Dutchtown Banquet, and
9 traveling groups that help rebuild homes that have been ruined
10 in natural disasters, all led by the church's current pastor,
11 Pastor Rick Koch; and

12 WHEREAS, The Dutchtown Church of the Brethren serves as a
13 model of piety, charity, and community involvement for the
14 people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate the congregation of the Dutchtown Church of the
18 Brethren on the occasion of the church's 150th anniversary and
19 wish them continued success and happiness in the future; and be
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the Dutchtown Church of the Brethren as a symbol

1 of our esteem and respect.