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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are 2 3 pleased to congratulate the organizers of Bethel New Life Inc. 4 on the occasion of the organization's 30th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Bethel New Life Inc. is a faith-based community development corporation located on Chicago's West Side; since 7 the organization's founding in 1979, Bethel has worked to "Realize God's vision of a restored society by empowering individuals, strengthening families, and building neighborhoods through community-driven, solution-oriented, and value-centered approaches"; and

WHEREAS, Bethel New Life Inc. currently offers nearly 20 programs through its Community of Elders, Housing & Economic Development, Family & Individual Support, and Community Development divisions; the organization strives to transform the West Side of Chicago into a Community of Choice - a community in which people choose to live, work, and do business; and

WHEREAS, Bethel New Life Inc. will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a gala on April 22, 2010, at the Ambassador East Hotel in Chicago; therefore, be it

- 1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
 2 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
 3 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we congratulate the organizers
 4 of Bethel New Life Inc. on the occasion of the organization's
 5 30th anniversary and wish them continued success and happiness
- in the future; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Steven McCullough, President and CEO of Bethel New Life Inc. as a symbol of our esteem and respect.