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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 St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wine Hill on the  
5 occasion of the church's 150th anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, The rich history of St. Paul's Evangelical  
7 Lutheran Church began in March of 1859, when a group of men in  
8 the Wine Hill area purchased four acres of land from Anthony  
9 Steele for \$40.00; the church's original deed was recorded in  
10 Chester on May 27, 1859; on May 12, 1859, after much  
11 deliberation, the church's first constitution was created,  
12 with 34 charter members signing their names to create "The  
13 Church of St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran Congregation  
14 in Randolph County, Illinois", named after St. Peter-Paul  
15 Kirche in Hermannsberg, Germany; and

16           WHEREAS, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church's first  
17 building was constructed during the summer of 1859; a "new  
18 order", the church's constitution, was read and adopted on  
19 November 30, 1860; the congregation, in need of a pastor,  
20 decided to call from the Missouri Synod and asked Pastor Martin  
21 Eirich of Chester to serve as interim pastor; he accepted this  
22 position and served until 1861; and

1           WHEREAS, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church's first  
2 church bell was cast in St. Louis by J.G. Stuckstede Bros. Co.  
3 in 1871 and was placed in the first church building; the bell  
4 was later moved into the bell tower of the present church when  
5 the building was built in 1883 and still calls the parishioners  
6 to worship every Sunday; and

7           WHEREAS, In 1876, a new frame school was built on ground  
8 purchased by St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church; the  
9 building still stands in its original location, making it the  
10 oldest church building on the premises; and

11           WHEREAS, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church's current  
12 building was dedicated on November 25, 1883; the building cost  
13 \$11,357.50 to build, with all but the cost of the pipe organ  
14 paid by dedication day, due to many members mortgaging their  
15 farms, homes, and other property in order to dedicate the  
16 church debt-free; and

17           WHEREAS, Today, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
18 still serves as a house of worship to the people of Wine Hill  
19 and the surrounding area under the leadership of Reverend Tim  
20 B. Zechiel; therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 congratulate the congregation of St. Paul's Evangelical  
2 Lutheran Church on the occasion of the church's 150th  
3 anniversary and for the church's work spreading the Lord's  
4 Word; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to Reverend Tim B. Zechiel as a symbol of our esteem  
7 and respect.