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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Reverend Dale
4 Lawson, Sr., Pastor Emeritus Reverend Princeton McKinney, and
5 the congregation of Christ Temple Community Baptist Church, in
6 Markham, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the church;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The theme for the Golden Jubilee will be "Christ
9 Temple Baptist Church @ 50: Looking to the Future!"; and

10 WHEREAS, On May 9, 1959 the founding pastor, Reverend
11 Princeton H. McKinney and several others gathered to organize
12 Christ Temple Baptist Church; land was purchased that same
13 year, and on Christmas Day of 1960 money was raised to complete
14 the payment of the "Little White Building"; and

15 WHEREAS, On April 29, 1964 construction began on a new
16 church building and in August of that same year the move was
17 made to the new structure; and

18 WHEREAS, The church continued to grow with the organization
19 of a Nurse Corps; installation of air conditioning in 1966; a
20 special prayer room was dedicated to the late Charles
21 Washington, Sr.; the first pew was purchased by Brother and

1 Sister Robert Varnado; additional parking space was purchased;
2 a new church sign was purchased; and S&H Green Stamps were
3 solicited and used to purchase a new piano for the sanctuary;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, An electronic lift was added to aid the
6 handicapped; and a day care center is now in operation; and

7 WHEREAS, On August 26, 2001, the 42nd anniversary and
8 retirement celebration for Pastor McKinney was held and the
9 street where the church resides was renamed P.H. McKinney
10 Street in his honor; installation services for current pastor,
11 Reverend Dale A. Lawson, were held in September of 2001; in
12 January of 2002 Reverend McKinney was recognized and named
13 Pastor Emeritus by Reverend Lawson and the church membership;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 congratulate everyone who worships and is a part of the
18 glorious history of Christ Temple Baptist Church and wish them
19 continued success in the community; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Reverend Lawson, Reverend McKinney, and the
22 congregation of Christ Temple Baptist Church as a symbol of our

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1 respect and admiration.