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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 Forreston Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church on the  
5 occasion of the church's 150th anniversary in October of 2009;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, The rich history of the Forreston Faith  
8 Evangelical Lutheran Church began in October of 1859, when the  
9 first congregation began meeting in a one-room school house  
10 located behind the church's present location; in July of 1864,  
11 a church was built and dedicated at the cost of \$4,191; the  
12 church had 14 original charter members; and

13           WHEREAS, The Forreston Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church's  
14 building, located at 402 2nd Avenue in Forreston, has housed  
15 the church's congregation since its construction over 140 years  
16 ago; the church's original 1864 bell continues to be rung each  
17 Sunday and the original wooden altar stands at the front of the  
18 sanctuary; and

19           WHEREAS, In 1909, additions were made to the Forreston  
20 Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, with the church's small  
21 entryway removed and a larger indoor entryway and balcony  
22 added; in 1909, the building's clear glass panes were removed

1 and leaded stained-glass windows were added; in the 1930s, a  
2 basement was dug out by hand for use as a fellowship and Sunday  
3 school room area; in 2005, a large addition, which includes an  
4 office, coffee fellowship area, elevator, and rest rooms  
5 accessible for people with disabilities, was built and  
6 dedicated and the church's steeple was replaced; and

7 WHEREAS, The congregation of the Forreston Faith  
8 Evangelical Lutheran Church will celebrate the church's 150th  
9 anniversary with a special worship service and dinner on  
10 October 18, 2009; and

11 WHEREAS, The Forreston Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
12 and its congregation serve as shining examples of faith,  
13 integrity, and compassion for the people of the State of  
14 Illinois; 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 the congregation of the Forreston Faith  
18 Evangelical Lutheran Church on the occasion of the church's  
19 150th anniversary and wish them continued success and happiness  
20 in the future; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the congregation of the Forreston Faith

1 Evangelical Lutheran Church as a symbol of our esteem and  
2 respect.