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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Pastor Melvin
4 Weseloh on the occasion of his retirement as pastor of Mt. Zion
5 Lutheran Church on January 3, 2010, after 52 1/2 years of
6 service with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; and

7 WHEREAS, Pastor Melvin Weseloh is a native of North Dakota
8 and grew up in Minnesota; he graduated from Concordia Seminary
9 in St. Louis in 1957; he vicared at St. Luke's, the Lutheran
10 church in Times Square, New York; after graduation, he returned
11 to St. Luke's and was ordained by his father; and

12 WHEREAS, After he was ordained, Pastor Melvin Weseloh
13 served at parishes in northern Minnesota until he moved to
14 Illinois in 1974; after moving to Illinois, he became pastor of
15 the Trinity Lutheran Church in Coal Valley; he then became a
16 missionary-at-large for the Central Illinois District,
17 founding the Epiphany Lutheran Church of Dunlap; afterwards, he
18 became pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Havana; and

19 WHEREAS, In June of 1987, Pastor Melvin Weseloh moved to
20 the Decatur area and became pastor of Mt. Calvary Lutheran
21 Church; on January 1, 1997, he began serving at Mt. Zion
22 Lutheran Church part-time; after he retired from Mt. Calvary in

1 1997, he continued his service at Mt. Zion, later becoming the
2 church's pastor; and

3 WHEREAS, Pastor Melvin Weseloh has been a member of
4 numerous civic organizations; he served as a member of the
5 Board of Directors of the Central Illinois District of the
6 Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod for 6 years, including 6 years
7 on the Missions Commission and 3 years on the Congregational
8 Life Commission; he also served for 8 years as a Circuit
9 Counselor with the Synod; he served as a camp dean in Minnesota
10 for 13 years; he served on the Board of Directors of Camp CILCA
11 near Springfield for 8 years; he served as a pastoral counselor
12 on the District level for the Walther League, the Lutheran
13 Women's Missionary League, and the Lutheran Laymen's League; he
14 and his wife taught Vacation Bible School in Alaska twice; in
15 2006, he was a part of his District's visitation team to the
16 Lutheran Church of Latvia; during his time in Minnesota, he was
17 on the Board of Directors of a seven-county Community Action
18 Committee, a government agency; he has also held a number of
19 positions with the Boy Scouts of America and is active with the
20 Chamber of Commerce in Mt. Zion; and

21 WHEREAS, Pastor Melvin Weseloh was listed in the Who's Who
22 In Religion In America in 1985 and 1992; and

23 WHEREAS, Pastor Melvin Weseloh and his wife, Karen, were

1 married in St. Louis, Missouri on June 9, 1957; together, they
2 have 4 children, David, Deb, Diane (husband, Darrell Sheets),
3 and Daryl (wife, Amy), and 6 grandchildren, Heather, Dale,
4 Christine, Adam, Ryan, and Logan; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate Pastor Melvin Weseloh on the occasion of his
8 retirement and wish him many happy and healthy retirement
9 years; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Pastor Melvin Weseloh as a symbol of our esteem
12 and respect.