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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Rogers Park Presbyterian Church is celebrating 100 years of faithful witness and service to the Rogers Park community in 2010; and

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WHEREAS, The Rogers Park Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Greenview and Greenleaf Avenues in Chicago; it was officially organized by the Presbytery of Chicago on January 13, 1910; the congregation began gathering in homes and schools for worship, Christian education, and fellowship; and

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WHEREAS, The first building, called the Chapel, was dedicated in June 1912 and remains to this day central to its ministry; by April of 1925, the congregation numbered more than 600, and more space was needed; the second building, which included a new sanctuary and fellowship hall, was dedicated in January 1927; and

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WHEREAS, The Rogers Park Presbyterian Church was known in its early years as " A Family Church for the Friendly Service of the Community"; over the past ten decades the church has been a faithful and caring presence in the community, experiencing many blessings and challenges as the community went through various changes; new groups of people moving in and out, changes in the economy and technology, and significant

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1 events in national and world history; and

2 WHEREAS, The Rogers Park Presbyterian Church has been and  
3 continues to be a safe haven for people of all persuasions and  
4 circumstances; it is a congregation that cares for the physical  
5 and spiritual needs of people in the community; and

6 WHEREAS, The Rogers Park Presbyterian Church has been and  
7 continues to be home to a number of other congregations and  
8 fellowships of various faith traditions; the Church hosts a  
9 number of organizations and programs that serve the community,  
10 including the Christopher House preschool, the English as a  
11 Second Language Program, the Cook County Probation Office:  
12 Communities Dare to Care Program, Chicago Public Schools: Smart  
13 Program, and the Rogers Park Garden Club; and

14 WHEREAS, The members of the Rogers Park Presbyterian Church  
15 have given and continue to give their time, talent, and  
16 resources to various local and global missions, including the  
17 RPPC Clothing Pantry and the Good News Community Kitchen; the  
18 Church has been and will always be a place dedicated to the  
19 worship and service of God, and the love and care of all God's  
20 people; and

21 WHEREAS, "Faithful in all Seasons" is the theme for the  
22 100th anniversary celebration, recognizing the faithfulness of

1 the church members, and more importantly God's faithfulness to  
2 them; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 congratulate the congregation and pastor of Rogers Park  
6 Presbyterian Church on their centennial celebration; and be it  
7 further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Deborah Paton, Pastor of the Rogers Park  
10 Presbyterian Church, as a symbol of our respect and esteem.