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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to thank William S. Winston for his
4 dedicated service to our nation and for his many years of
5 spiritual and charitable service to the people of the State of
6 Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, William Winston was born in Tuskegee, Alabama; as
8 a child, he was inspired and influenced by the abundance of
9 educators, scientists, and physicians, as well as the historic
10 aviation accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen that served as
11 his role models; he is a graduate of the internationally known
12 Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama (now Tuskegee
13 University); and

14 WHEREAS, William Winston served as a fighter pilot in the
15 United States Air Force for 6 years; he earned numerous awards
16 and medals for his superior flying skills, including the
17 Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal for performance in
18 combat, and the Squadron Top Gun Award; and

19 WHEREAS, After completing his military service, William
20 Winston joined the IBM Corporation as a marketing
21 representative; his exceptional managerial and relational
22 skills rapidly earned him several promotions within the

1 organization; he resigned from IBM in 1985 as a regional
2 marketing manager in IBM's Midwest Region to become a full-time
3 minister; and

4 WHEREAS, William Winston earned his Honorary Doctorate of
5 Humane Letters from Friends International Christian
6 University; and

7 WHEREAS, William Winston is the founder and Pastor of
8 Living Word Christian Center in Forest Park, which has over
9 20,000 members; the church has a broad range of related
10 entities, including the Tuskegee Christian Center, a Bible
11 Training Center, a School of Ministry and Missions, the Living
12 Word Christian Academy, Golden Eagle Aviation, and the Joseph
13 Business School (JBS) for entrepreneurs and business leaders;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, William Winston is the Chairman of the Board of
16 Covenant Bancshares Inc., a bank-holding company for Covenant
17 Bank; he also serves in leadership positions with the Faith
18 Ministries Alliance, an alliance of more than 350 churches and
19 ministries under Pastor Winston in the U.S. and overseas, and
20 provides oversight for Forest Park Plaza in Forest Park and
21 Washington Plaza in Tuskegee, Alabama; and

22 WHEREAS, William Winston serves as the host of the

1 Believer's Walk of Faith television and radio broadcast, which
2 reaches more than 760 million households nationwide and
3 overseas; he has also written several books, the most recent
4 being "Training For Reigning"; and

5 WHEREAS, William Winston is married to Veronica and is the
6 father of 3 children, Melody, Nicole, and David; therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we thank William S. Winston for his dedicated service to our
11 nation and his many years of spiritual and charitable service
12 to the people of the State of Illinois and wish him continued
13 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to William Winston as a symbol of our esteem and
16 respect.