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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Reverend Richard
4 R. Harre, the senior pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in
5 Auburn, as he retires on April 30, 2013, after serving over 42
6 years at Trinity Lutheran; and

7 WHEREAS, Richard Harre was born on January 24, 1942, at
8 home on the family farm west of Nashville to Raymond W. and Ida
9 L. (nee Kuhlman) Harre; he was the oldest of 10 children:
10 Richard, Bill, Danny, Kenneth, Kevin, Margene, Phyllis,
11 Marilyn, Marcile; and Debbie; and

12 WHEREAS, Richard Harre was baptized on February 15, 1942,
13 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Nashville and confirmed there on
14 March 25, 1956; he attended Trinity Lutheran Grade School in
15 Nashville and started at Nashville High School; he continued
16 high school at St. Paul's High School in Concordia, Missouri,
17 where he graduated in 1960; he attended St. Paul's College in
18 Concordia, Missouri, where he obtained an associate in arts
19 degree in 1962; he attended Concordia College in Fort Wayne,
20 Indiana, where he obtained a bachelor of arts degree in 1964;
21 he entered Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, where he
22 obtained his masters of divinity degree in May of 1968; his
23 vicarage (internship) was at Trinity Lutheran Church in Peoria,

1 under Reverend Rudolph A. Haak; and

2 WHEREAS, Richard Harre was united in marriage on July 31,
3 1966, to the lovely Ruth Ann Schoder of St. Louis, Missouri;
4 they were blessed with 2 sons, Michael Ray in 1972 (Michelle
5 "Mickey") and Jeffrey Alan in 1975 (Janelle) and further
6 blessed with grandchildren, Samantha, Kaden, Katelyn, and
7 Luke; and

8 WHEREAS, Richard Harre was ordained at Trinity Lutheran
9 Church in Nashville on June 9, 1968; he was pastor of Immanuel
10 Lutheran Church in Spencer, Nebraska, and Christ Lutheran
11 Church in Lynch, Nebraska, from June 1968 untill September
12 1970; he was installed on September 20, 1970, at Trinity
13 Lutheran Church in Auburn, where he has faithfully, honorably,
14 and lovingly served for over 42 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Richard Harre has served as treasurer to the
16 Auburn Ministerial Association from 1970 to present and served
17 as secretary/treasurer to the Springfield West and East
18 Circuits of the Central Illinois District from 1995 to present;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Richard Harre was a member of the Christian
21 Education Commission of the Central Illinois District of the
22 Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, chairman of the Family Life

1 Education Committee, Central Illinois District from 1975 to
2 1985, and a member and chairman of the Ministerial Health
3 Commission of the Central Illinois District from 1985 to 2000;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Richard Harre has been a member of the Auburn
6 School District's Advisory Committee and School Policy
7 Committee, a Little League umpire and coach for many years
8 during his sons' youth, and a member of the Auburn Lion's Club;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Richard Harre, during his over 42 years at Trinity
11 Lutheran Church in Auburn, has performed approximately 590
12 baptisms, 292 marriage ceremonies, 203 funerals, 400 junior
13 confirmations and 288 adult confirmations; and

14 WHEREAS, Richard Harre is an avid golfer and sports fan,
15 especially a fan of his beloved St. Louis Cardinals baseball;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Richard Harre and his wife, Ruth, have lived at
18 the Trinity Lutheran Church's parsonage since 1970; they will
19 be moving to their new home in Auburn after retiring; he and
20 Ruth are looking forward to their days of travel, golf, viewing
21 sports, and leisure time; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Richard Harre as he retires on April 30, 2013,
4 after serving over 42 years at Trinity Lutheran Church, thank
5 him for his service to his community, and wish him all the best
6 in his future endeavours; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Richard Harre as an expression of our esteem and
9 respect.