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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize the 50th anniversary
4 of Armitage Baptist Church in Chicago; and

5 WHEREAS, Armitage Baptist Church was founded in 1963; it
6 reached a peak membership of about 100 during these early
7 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Armitage Baptist Church was originally located in
9 Humboldt Park; by 1978 growth dictated a move to North Keeler;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In October of 1982, with congregation numbers now
12 at 200, Armitage Baptist Church moved to a 54,000 square foot
13 building that was the former Logan Square Masonic Temple; and

14 WHEREAS, The senior pastor of Armitage Baptist Church is
15 Charles Lyons, who became the church's first full-time pastor
16 in 1974; and

17 WHEREAS, Armitage Baptist Church's desire is to multiply by
18 starting multi-ethnic congregations throughout Chicago and the
19 world; its goal is to start 50 new congregations in the Chicago
20 area by the year 2025; and

1 WHEREAS, Armitage Baptist Church will be celebrating its
2 50th anniversary on Memorial Day weekend May 25-27, 2013;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we recognize the 50th anniversary of Armitage Baptist Church;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Armitage Baptist Church as an expression of our
10 esteem and respect.