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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Reverend Dr. Albert
4 Sampson on the occasion of his retirement as pastor of Fernwood
5 United Methodist Church in Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Sampson has been a Civil Rights activist
7 for over 60 years; he was ordained by Reverend Dr. Martin
8 Luther King, Jr. 57 years ago and has led the Fernwood United
9 Methodist Church for 38 of those years; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Sampson is an internationally known and
11 respected icon and leader renowned as one of the most
12 insightful and inspirational motivators in the field today; his
13 message of leadership and self-development has reached
14 millions in the United States and in 72 countries around the
15 world; and

16 WHEREAS, Reverend Sampson is a distinguished Biblical
17 scholar and theological consultant for The Original African
18 Heritage Study Bible; he as appeared in thousands of media
19 outlets including, Esquire and Ebony magazines, the New York
20 Times, the Chicago Tribune, and USA Today; his biography is
21 recognized in Gale Group's Who's Who in Black America; and

1 WHEREAS, Reverend Sampson was born in Everett,
2 Massachusetts, in 1938; he graduated from Everett High School
3 in 1956, entered the ministry at age 19, and began preaching at
4 his home church of Emmanuel Baptist in Malden, Massachusetts;
5 he earned his bachelor's degree in religion and social science
6 from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, and his
7 master's degree in cultural studies from Governors State
8 University in University Park in 1973; he earned a Master's of
9 Divinity Degree in 1977 from McCormick Theological Seminary in
10 Chicago and a Doctorate in Divinity from Union Baptist
11 Theological Seminary in Toledo, Ohio; and

12 WHEREAS, A "Thank You Banquet" will be held honoring
13 Reverend Sampson on July 12, 2013, at the Apostolic Church of
14 God Banquet Hall in Chicago; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Reverend Dr. Albert Sampson on his retirement
18 as pastor of Fernwood United Methodist Church and wish him the
19 best in all his future endeavours; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Reverend Sampson as an expression of our esteem
22 and respect.