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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the congregation of Mt. Gilead Cumberland Presbyterian Church on the occasion of the church's 190th anniversary on September 15, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, The Cumberland Presbyterian denomination was founded in 1810 in Dickson County, Tennessee and was born out of the second great awakening in American Christianity; Mt. Gilead Cumberland Presbyterian Church was formally organized in 1823, with Rev. Joel Knight as the founding pastor; soon after the formation of the society, the members joined together and built a log church in Greenville; and

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WHEREAS, The present Mt. Gilead building was built around 1867 at a cost of \$1,500; several additions have been made to the church building, including a foyer, a basement, a west addition, and a south addition; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Jenner has written a history of the Mt. Gilead church and cemetery, with the genealogies of several families that are buried in the cemetery; and

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WHEREAS, For many years, a cemetery picnic was held on the church grounds at Mt. Gilead to raise funds for upkeep of the

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1 cemetery; and

2 WHEREAS, Rev. Ward Sussenbach is the current pastor of Mt.
3 Gilead; his great-great-great-grandfather was one of the
4 charter members of the congregation; and

5 WHEREAS, Over 50 pastors have served the congregation of
6 Mt. Gilead, with Rev. Harold Kemp holding the longest tenure of
7 any pastor, having served the church for 22 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Mt. Gilead continues to have Sunday services each
9 week in the historic building; and

10 WHEREAS, Mt. Gilead hosted many events on September 15,
11 2013 in celebration of the anniversary, including a worship
12 service, Sunday school, a potluck dinner, a reflection upon the
13 history of the church, and a gospel concert by The Nomads; and

14 WHEREAS, Rev. Sussenbach and the congregation of Mt. Gilead
15 welcomed community members to attend the events on Sunday as
16 they celebrated 190 years of ministry; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate the congregation of Mt. Gilead Cumberland
20 Presbyterian Church on the occasion of the church's 190th

1 anniversary and wish them continued success in the future; and
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the congregation of Mt. Gilead Cumberland
5 Presbyterian Church and their pastor, Rev. Ward Sussenbach, as
6 a symbol of our respect and esteem.