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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Randy Perry on
4 the occasion of his retirement as Directing Pastor of Calvary
5 United Methodist Church in Normal; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Perry was born in Shelbyville, Indiana; he
7 attended elementary school in DeKalb, middle school in Albia,
8 and the laboratory high school at Western Illinois University
9 in Macomb; he earned his bachelor's degree from Iowa Wesleyan
10 College, where he worked with Dr. George LeMore, a highly
11 respected professor and preacher; he earned his license to
12 serve as a student pastor at the United Methodist Church of
13 Nauvoo; and

14 WHEREAS, After graduation, Dr. Perry traveled to Durham,
15 North Carolina to complete his theological training at Duke
16 University; while there he served as youth pastor for First
17 United Methodist Church in Siler City, North Carolina; upon
18 graduation, he returned to the Midwest to accept his first
19 appointment as Pastor in the Great Rivers Illinois Conference,
20 and was assigned to Cornell Blackstone United Methodist Church;
21 while at Cornell, he met his future wife, Kandis Mills; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1976, Dr. Perry was appointed to Forrest United

1 Methodist Church and began his doctoral studies at Vanderbilt
2 University; the Perrys were married at Forrest Church in June
3 of 1981 and the couple welcomed their first child, Rachel; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Perry moved his family to Gibson City to serve
5 the United Methodist Church, and during these years, the
6 couple's 2 other children, Rebecca and Nathan, were born; he
7 was then appointed to First United Methodist Church in
8 Taylorville, and during his years in Taylorville, he served as
9 a member of several non-profit boards, including the YMCA, the
10 Hopper Foundation, the Felheimer Trust, and Iowa Wesleyan
11 University; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1999, Dr. Perry's appointment to Calvary United
13 Methodist Church brought the family to Normal, and under his
14 leadership, the church grew from 775 members to over 1700,
15 becoming the third largest church in the Illinois Great Rivers
16 Conference; he was instrumental in the church's building and
17 expansion projects; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate Dr. Randy Perry on his retirement as Directing
21 Pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church, and wish him the
22 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That as suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Dr. Perry as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.