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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the congregation of Eden
4 United Church of Christ in Jefferson Park on the occasion of
5 the church's 100th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, In the spring of 1914, a number of pastors of the
7 Evangelical Synod were aware of the religious needs of the
8 Volga Germans in the northwestern part of Chicago; 34 members
9 of area families attended a meeting held in an abandoned
10 carpenter shop held on the corner of Gunnison and La Vergne
11 Avenues on the present site of the United Brethren Church
12 (formerly Calvary Methodist Church); and

13 WHEREAS, On May 9, 1914, the Deutsche Evangelish
14 Lutherischen Eden Gemeinde was organized following the customs
15 of their Russian homeland; on May 10, 1914, Eden Church applied
16 for membership in the German Evangelical Synod of North
17 America; the membership then unanimously requested that Rev. H.
18 A. Schmidt be assigned to Eden Church as its first pastor; and

19 WHEREAS, After finding their pastor, the Deutsche
20 Evangelish Lutherischen Eden Gemeinde congregation's next
21 pressing need was a suitable place of worship, eventually
22 finding and purchasing 4 lots on the corner of Gunnison Street

1 and Le Claire Avenue; on May 24, 1914, the cornerstone for
2 Eden's first church was laid; the church's first building was a
3 portable chapel purchased near the Chicago River for \$1000,
4 which was later taken apart and re-erected at the present site;
5 the cornerstone of the current church building was laid on
6 September 9, 1928 and the parsonage was ready by November of
7 1928; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1965, Deutsche Evangelish Lutherischen Eden
9 Gemeinde's name was changed to Eden United Church of Christ; in
10 1985, the name was changed to Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church
11 - A United Church of Christ; in 2007, the name was once again
12 changed to Eden United Church of Christ, which it has remained
13 ever since; and

14 WHEREAS, In the 100 years since its inception, Eden United
15 Church of Christ has served as a strong and active congregation
16 in the Jefferson Park community; 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 Eden United Church of
20 Christ in Jefferson Park on the occasion of the church's 100th
21 anniversary and wish them continued success and happiness in
22 the future; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the congregation of Eden United Church of Christ
3 as a symbol of our esteem and respect.