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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Rev. Ira J. Acree, Senior  
4 Pastor of Greater St. John Bible Church, on the celebration of  
5 his 25th pastoral anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, On May 14, 1989, Rev. Ira Acree became the pastor  
7 of Greater St. John Holiness Church, whose name was later  
8 changed to Greater St. John Bible Church; and

9           WHEREAS, Rev. Ira Acree is a tireless advocate for  
10 empowerment, championing principles of entrepreneurship,  
11 education, economics, and evangelism; and

12           WHEREAS, Over the past 9 years, Rev. Ira Acree has elected  
13 to provide college scholarships to deserving college bound  
14 students from the Austin community; his great passion for  
15 education led him to collaborate with many partners,  
16 parishioners, and friends over the years to be able to award  
17 over \$150,000 in scholarships; and

18           WHEREAS, Rev. Ira Acree and Sister Acree feel that God has  
19 divinely placed them at Greater St. John to play a pivotal role  
20 in strengthening families, transform their community, and  
21 change the world; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we congratulate Reverend Ira J. Acree on this auspicious  
4           accomplishment of 25 pastoral years, commend him on his  
5           efforts, and wish him much continued success in his future  
6           endeavors; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution presented  
8           to Rev. Ira Acree as a symbol of our respect and esteem.