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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Bishop Embra R.
4 Patterson, Jr. on being the first Church of God in Christ
5 Bishop in the City of Peoria; and

6 WHEREAS, Bishop Patterson is the founding Pastor of Kingdom
7 Temple Church of God in Christ, and President of the Kingdom
8 Temple Outreach Ministries, Inc. in Peoria; and

9 WHEREAS, Bishop Patterson has been involved in many Peoria
10 community civic organizations over the last 38 years including,
11 the Peoria City Beautiful Council, the Peoria District 150
12 Advisory Board, the Peoria Race Relations Commission, the
13 Peoria Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Black Chamber of
14 Commerce Planning Committee, the Peoria Black Chamber of
15 Commerce Board Chairman, and the Peoria Area Conventions and
16 Visitors Bureau; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2013, Bishop Patterson retired after 35 years
18 of service with Ameren Illinois, formerly the Central Illinois
19 Light Company, progressing through various levels of
20 responsibility; he was consecrated the Jurisdictional Bishop
21 of the Southern Illinois Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the
22 Church of God In Christ, Inc. in November 2013; and

1 WHEREAS, A celebration in honor of his appointment will be
2 held on July 18, 2014 at the Embassy Suites and Conference
3 Center in East Peoria; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate Bishop Embra R. Patterson, Jr. on being the
7 first Church of God in Christ Bishop in the City of Peoria; and
8 be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Bishop Patterson as an expression of our esteem
11 and respect.