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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Warren O. Hughes on the  
4 occasion of his retirement and thank him for his many years of  
5 service; and

6 WHEREAS, Warren Hughes is the Associate Pastor at the  
7 Havana Church of Christ; he is retiring after 65 years in the  
8 ministry; and

9 WHEREAS, Warren Hughes was raised in Richland Center,  
10 Wisconsin; he entered the ministry in 1950 when he and his  
11 wife, Mary Lou, moved to Minneapolis so Warren could attend  
12 Minnesota Bible College; and

13 WHEREAS, While Warren Hughes attended college, he began his  
14 preaching career at 2 small country churches outside  
15 Minneapolis; in 1954, Warren and his wife moved to Granola,  
16 Kansas, where he started his full-time ministry; the couple  
17 excelled in starting up new churches; and

18 WHEREAS, Warren Hughes served in Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa  
19 before coming to Woodstock, where he started his last church at  
20 the age of 65; and

1           WHEREAS, In 1988, Warren Hughes and his wife moved to  
2 Havana, where he was hired at the Havana Church of Christ as an  
3 Associate Pastor; his primary duties were to minister to the  
4 senior citizens in the church and the community; and

5           WHEREAS, During his time at the Havana Church of Christ,  
6 Warren Hughes developed a vibrant jail ministry, calling on  
7 those who were incarcerated; he made visits to those who were  
8 confined to their homes or in a nursing home, often leading  
9 Sunday services at the facilities; he and his wife would also  
10 visit the downtrodden, helping them buy groceries or passing  
11 along items provided from local gardens; and

12           WHEREAS, Warren Hughes, now 92 years old, still likes to  
13 dabble in his garden; when he was younger, he loved helping on  
14 the farm and participating in outdoor pursuits, such as  
15 hunting; and

16           WHEREAS, Warren Hughes remains outspoken against drug,  
17 alcohol, and gambling addiction and has never shied away from  
18 voicing concern, support, or opposition to issues before the  
19 General Assembly; and

20           WHEREAS, Warren Hughes serves as an example of faith,  
21 passion, and dedication; his work throughout his career has  
22 benefited many; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
3           SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we thank Warren O. Hughes for  
4           his many years of service, congratulate him on the occasion of  
5           his retirement, and wish him all the best in his future  
6           endeavors; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8           presented to Warren Hughes as an expression of our  
9           congratulations and appreciation for a job well done.