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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the congregation of New Testament Fellowship Church on the occasion of the church's 29th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, New Testament Fellowship Church was founded by Pastor Sam Russell, an Elder at the Churches of God in Christ in Carbondale; he shared the gospel with others by teaching weekly bible study in his home, which became a launching pad for the New Testament Fellowship Church; and

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WHEREAS, Shortly after the passing of his mother, Pastor Sam Russell announced to his church that he would be departing to start his own church; after securing and renovating a building as a place of worship, New Testament Fellowship Church's first service was held on September 21, 1986 with the message of "Be Faithful"; and

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WHEREAS, Revivals began and were held monthly at New Testament Fellowship Church in 1987; through these revivals, many souls were saved, many backsliders were reclaimed, and the church's membership grew; during this time, the church's Sunday School Department also grew greatly; and

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1           WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Pastor Sam Russell, there  
2 have been many diverse community outreach ministries developed  
3 at New Testament Fellow Church within the last 20 years, such  
4 as Pastoral Care, PH Connection, Hurting and Healing,  
5 Children's Church, Teen Ministry, Food Distribution, Financial  
6 & Education Planning, Women's Ministry, Neighborhood Outreach,  
7 and Prison Ministry; and

8           WHEREAS, Pastor Sam Russell and the congregation of New  
9 Testament Fellowship Church serve as models of hard work,  
10 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
11 Illinois; therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14 congratulate the congregation of New Testament Fellowship  
15 Church on the occasion of the church's 29th anniversary and  
16 wish them continued success and happiness in the future; and be  
17 it further

18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to New Testament Fellowship Church as a symbol of our  
20 esteem and respect.