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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Rabbi Michael R. Zedek on
4 the occasion of his retirement as Senior Rabbi of Emanuel
5 Congregation in Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, Rabbi Zedek has been the spiritual leader at
7 Emanuel Congregation since July of 2004; and

8 WHEREAS, Before joining Emanuel Congregation, Rabbi Zedek
9 was the Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federation of
10 Cincinnati (JFC) for four years; during his tenure, the JFC
11 received national awards for innovative fundraising and
12 programming; prior to his service at the JFC, he was the Senior
13 Rabbi of Temple B'nai Jehudah in Kansas City, Missouri for 26
14 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Rabbi Zedek was ordained in June of 1974; he was
16 chosen to be alumnus-in-residence at the Cincinnati and Los
17 Angeles campuses of Hebrew Union College, the youngest man to
18 receive this honor; he was also the recipient of the Danforth
19 Graduate Fellowship for Outstanding Teaching and a
20 Fulbright-Hays Grant for Advanced Study in the United Kingdom;
21 he is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Hamilton College in Clinton,
22 New York; he was also honored by the National Conference of

1 Christians and Jews; and

2 WHEREAS, Rabbi Zedek has had numerous teaching and speaking
3 engagements around the world on a wide range of topics,
4 especially focusing on spirituality and folklore; he has taught
5 and lectured in South Africa, Russia, China, the former
6 Yugoslavia, Israel, and many other places; he is a regular
7 presenter at Rancho La Puerta and serves as the host the radio
8 show, "Religion on the Line", which has aired for over 20
9 years; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 congratulate Rabbi Michael R. Zedek on his retirement as Senior
13 Rabbi of Emanuel Congregation in Chicago, and we wish him the
14 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Rabbi Zedek as an expression of our esteem and
17 respect.