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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Pastor Joseph B. Gordon on the occasion of his 20th anniversary in the ministry; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Joseph Gordon is a native of Detroit, Michigan; he accepted his call to ministry at the age of 15; he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Communications from the University of Michigan and a Masters of Divinity from the Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary at Northwestern University in Evanston; he continued his studies at the Institute of Church Administration and Management at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia; he also has an earned Doctor of Ministry degree in Prophetic Preaching and Congregational Leadership from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio; and

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WHEREAS, Prior to his service at Carter Temple, Pastor Joseph Gordon served as senior pastor in four assignments in Illinois and Michigan; through his leadership, there were increases in stewardship, membership, and community involvement; his passions are preaching, teaching and working with civic and community leaders, health care issues, and other concerns directly related to the African American experience and the urban church; and

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1 WHEREAS, Pastor Joseph Gordon has been invited to serve as
2 a preacher, teacher, and revivalist across the United States
3 and was an inaugural presenter at the Styberg Preaching
4 Institute; he received the Styberg Award for excellence in
5 homiletics and the 2011 Outstanding Minister Award from the
6 Phillips School of Theology at the Interdenominational
7 Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia; he is also a three-time
8 recipient of the Spirit of Detroit Award; and

9 WHEREAS, Pastor Joseph Gordon served as a member of the
10 advisory board for Brothers and Sisters United against HIV/AIDS
11 in Illinois; he is the current Chairman of the Joint Board of
12 Finance of the Southeast Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin
13 Region and held the same position in the Michigan-Indiana
14 Region; he served on the Board of Directors for the Storehouse
15 of Hope, a church and non-profit collaborative in Detroit's
16 Northend neighborhood; he has been a public relations aide for
17 Congressman John Conyers, Jr., a community-faith liaison the
18 NAACP, an appointed member of Mayor Dave Bing's Detroit
19 Community Faith Initiative, a delegate to the General
20 Conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and the
21 Conference of National Black Churches, a founding member of the
22 Black Methodist Alliance of Detroit, president of the Detroit
23 District Ministerial Alliance, and a member of the
24 Pan-Methodist Commission; he currently serves on the National

1 Council of Churches, where he is a member of the
2 Intergenerational Think Tank; during his pastorate at St.
3 John's in Detroit, the Black Methodist Alliance held the first
4 annual BMA "One in the Spirit Revival" at St. John's Church,
5 the first of its kind in the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, The congregation of Carter Temple will celebrate
7 Pastor Joseph Gordon's 20th anniversary in the ministry with a
8 Pastor's Appreciation and U.N.I.T.Y. Celebration on August 13
9 and 14, 2016 at the Martinique Banquet Complex Grand Ballroom
10 in Burbank; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate Pastor Joseph B. Gordon on the occasion of his
14 20th anniversary in the ministry and wish him continued success
15 and happiness in the future; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Pastor Joseph Gordon as a symbol of our esteem and
18 respect.