

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are proud to recognize significant events in  
4 the lives of the citizens of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Gerald M. Dew of the Antioch Missionary  
6 Baptist Church in Chicago celebrates the first anniversary of  
7 his service on March 11, 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend Dew was born on December 18, 1959, in  
9 Chicago, Illinois; following primary training in Chicago, he  
10 completed his secondary education at Muncie Northside High  
11 School in Muncie, Indiana; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Dew continued his academic pursuits at  
13 Texas Southern University in Houston, graduating with a  
14 Bachelor of Arts Degree; he went on to earn a Master of Arts  
15 Degree in Theology from Houston's Graduate School of  
16 Theology; Reverend Dew entered the Postgraduate Program at  
17 the University of St. Thomas in Houston in the pursuit of a  
18 Doctor of Philosophy degree in Religion; and

19 WHEREAS, In February of 1982, Reverend Dew became a  
20 member and associate minister at Greater Zion Missionary  
21 Baptist Church in Houston; he was called as its Pastor in  
22 1984, shortly after the passing of Dr. M.L. Price; and

23 WHEREAS, Under Reverend Dew's capable leadership and  
24 direction, several initiatives were undertaken at Greater  
25 Zion; he organized Re-Ward Third Ward, Inc., a non-profit  
26 Community Development Corporation; he established a Church  
27 Food Pantry, a Church Tape Ministry, the New Members  
28 Orientation Program and Follow-up Procedures; he established  
29 a Deacon Family Ministry Plan, along with procedures for  
30 promoting greater utilization of the Ministerial Staff, as  
31 well as the initiation of an annual "Home Visitation

1 Ministry"; and

2 WHEREAS, With Reverend Dew's help, Greater Zion completed  
3 remodeling and began the initial phase of expanding the M.L.  
4 Price Educational Building; he led over 300 persons to Christ  
5 through personal evangelism and increased membership by 500  
6 persons; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Dew continues to be actively involved  
8 in local, national, and world matters which have enhanced his  
9 effectiveness as a Spiritual Leader; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Dew is past Board Chairman of the Texas  
11 Center for Biblical Studies, former Vice Moderator of  
12 Operations of the Lincoln District Missionary Baptist  
13 Association of Texas, and currently serves as Administrative  
14 Assistant/Curriculum Coordinator of Africa Crusade  
15 Ministries, Inc., and Dean of Ministers' Conference of the  
16 National Missionary Baptist Convention of America; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Dew and his lovely wife, Mrs. Marva  
18 Dew, have two teen-age children, Samuel, 15, and Eboni, 13;  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we congratulate Reverend Gerald M. Dew on his first  
23 anniversary as Pastor of the Antioch Missionary Baptist  
24 Church in Chicago; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be sent  
26 to Reverend Gerald M. Dew as an expression of our esteem.