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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Rev. Fredrick E. Wilson
4 Sr. on the occasion of his retirement and recognize his
5 distinguished career as a minister; and

6 WHEREAS, Rev. Wilson was born and raised in East St. Louis;
7 he attended East St. Louis public schools and graduated in June
8 of 1966 from East St. Louis Senior High School, where he served
9 as class president; he further matriculated at Southern
10 Illinois University, graduating with honors with a major in
11 speech communication and a minor in philosophy; and

12 WHEREAS, Rev. Wilson managed P. N. Hirsch in East St. Louis
13 and Dollar General department stores, where he employed many
14 adults and gave countless youths their first job; and

15 WHEREAS, Rev. Wilson served the East St. Louis community
16 well as president of the East St. Louis Downtowners
17 Association, secretary of the East St. Louis Chamber of
18 Commerce, and served as a board member of East St. Louis School
19 District #189 for six years; and

20 WHEREAS, Rev. Wilson was called to the ministry in 1976 at
21 Macedonia Alliance in East St. Louis; his first pastoral

1 assignment was in 1979 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in
2 Centreville; in 1982, he became pastor of his childhood church,
3 Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in East St. Louis, where
4 he served as pastor for 16 years; in 1996, he organized the
5 Greater Faith Christian Church in Centreville; he currently
6 serves as senior pastor of the Greater New Mt. Eagle Missionary
7 Baptist Church in Chicago; and

8 WHEREAS, In April of 2007, the Fredrick E. Wilson Sr.
9 Christian Education School was named in Rev. Wilson's honor;
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11 WHEREAS, Rev. Wilson served as Baptist Youth Fellowship
12 Director, Director General, and Congress President in the
13 oldest Baptist District Association in America, the Wood River
14 Baptist District Association; he currently serves as 1st Vice
15 President of the Greater New Era District Congress of Christian
16 Education; and

17 WHEREAS, For 41 years, Rev. Wilson has spread the Gospel
18 and carried out the Great Commission as a gifted organist,
19 pianist, musical director, and an outstanding vocalist;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 congratulate Rev. Fredrick E. Wilson Sr. on his retirement and
2 recognize his distinguished career as a minister, and we wish
3 him the best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Rev. Wilson as a symbol of our respect and esteem.