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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize David C. Penn, Ph.D., on 50  
4 years of serving in the ministry; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Penn is a native of Chicago and senior  
6 minister of the Robbins Church of Christ, where he has served  
7 since 1984; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Penn preached his first sermon at the Far West  
9 Church of Christ; he has served congregations in Chicago,  
10 Cincinnati, and Milwaukee; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Penn attended the Nashville Christian  
12 Institute in Nashville, Tennessee; he is a graduate of  
13 Rochester College; City University of Seattle, Washington; the  
14 University of Nebraska; the University of Missouri; St. Xavier  
15 University; Abilene Christian University; Concordia University  
16 of Chicago; California Coast University; the International  
17 Theological Seminary; the Northwestern Theological Seminary;  
18 and the Colorado Theological Seminary; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Penn's academic portfolio includes an  
20 Associate of Arts; Bachelor of Arts; Master of Education  
21 (Curriculum and Instruction); Master of Arts (Educational

1 Administration); Graduate Certificate in Civics and Democracy  
2 (Harvard University); Master of Arts (History); Master of  
3 Religious Education; Doctor of Education; Doctor of  
4 Philosophy; Educational Specialist Degree (Educational  
5 Administration); and a Graduate Certificate in School  
6 Superintendency; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Penn has also performed post-graduate study at  
8 the University of South Africa in Pretoria, South Africa; a  
9 Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the St. Timothy  
10 Theological Institute and a Doctor of Laws by the United  
11 Theological Seminary; in addition to congregational ministry,  
12 he is licensed in the states of Illinois and Tennessee as a "No  
13 Child Left Behind" social science educator and administrator;  
14 his state endorsements include principal and superintendent  
15 administration, world history, United States history,  
16 geography, civics, and political science; he presently serves  
17 as a Professor of History at Joliet Junior College and  
18 Professor of Biblical Studies and Urban Ministry for  
19 Metropolitan Christian University in Louisville, Kentucky; he  
20 was previously selected to serve as a keynote presenter at the  
21 annual Illinois Council for the Social Studies Fall State  
22 Conference in Lisle; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Penn is the Vice-Chairman and Secretary for  
24 the Churches of Christ National Lectureship Executive

1 Committee; member of the Executive Board of Directors and  
2 Academic Dean for the School of Religious Studies in Little  
3 Rock, Arkansas; member of the Board of Regents for Metropolitan  
4 Christian University in Louisville, Kentucky; member of the  
5 Board of Directors and Director of Biblical Accountability for  
6 the National Association of Private Theological Institutions;  
7 and former Chairman of the Midwest Lectureship; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Penn is a co-founder and former chairman of  
9 the Midwest Youth Conference; co-founder of the National  
10 Crusade for Christ; founder of the Windy City Lectureship among  
11 the Chicago area Churches of Christ; founder of Imani  
12 Counseling Services, Inc., a private faith-based non-profit  
13 counseling agency chartered by the State of Illinois; founder  
14 of the Institute of Biblical Studies (Chicago); and editorial  
15 consultant for the National Lectureship Christian Courier  
16 newspaper; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Penn is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Delta  
18 Epsilon Tau, Phi Beta Delta, and Kappa Delta Pi International  
19 Honor Societies; he is the former vice-president of the Phi  
20 Alpha Theta Pi Nu Chapter of the University of Nebraska; other  
21 memberships include the Nancy Lyman Roelkner Scholarship  
22 Committee of the American Historical Society; the National  
23 Alliance of Black School Educators; the National Council for  
24 the Social Studies; the Illinois Council for the Social

1 Studies; the Association for the Study of African American Life  
2 and History; the Association for Supervision and Curriculum  
3 Development; and the African Studies Association; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Penn has conducted evangelistic and revival  
5 meetings along with seminars and workshops in over 30 states  
6 across the nation; he is a frequent speaker on national and  
7 regional lectureships hosted by the Churches of Christ; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Penn is recognized by the National Association  
9 of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapists; the National Board of  
10 Christian Clinical Therapists; the National Board of Christian  
11 Professional and Pastoral Counselors; and the National  
12 Christian Counselors Association; additional affiliations are  
13 held with the American Counseling Association; the American  
14 Association of Christian Counselors; the International  
15 Association of Biblical Counseling; and the Southern Africa  
16 Association of Pastoral Work in Pretoria, South Africa; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2005, Dr. Penn authored his first book, "My  
18 Soul Looks Back and Wonders ... How I Got Over"; his second  
19 book, "The Power of His Penetrating Presence", was published in  
20 2006 and is a compendium of sermons presented by various  
21 ministers at the Church of Christ 62nd Annual National  
22 Lectureship held in Chicago; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Penn has written articles for the "Chicago  
2 Defender", the "Chicago Sun Times", the "Cincinnati Herald",  
3 the "African American Pulpit", the "Christian Courier", the  
4 "Christian Echo", and the "Gospel Times"; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. Penn is married to Brenda J. (Martin) and they  
6 have two children, Dortricia and Danielle, and two  
7 grandchildren, Rian Danielle Willingham and Kendall Dior  
8 Dorsey; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
10 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 recognize David C. Penn, Ph.D., on 50 years of serving in the  
12 ministry, and we wish him many more wonderful years; and be it  
13 further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Dr. Penn as a symbol of our respect and esteem.