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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate David Bigsby on 24 years as pastor; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Bigsby was born in Marietta, Georgia on August 31 1945 and was a member of the Hensley Temple; he attended Morehouse College from 1963 to 1967 and joined the U.S. Army in 1967; he achieved the rank of staff sergeant and was honorably discharged in 1969 after receiving a Bronze Star; he married Gloria Knight in November of 1969, and they had two children, Ingrid Nicole and David Maurice, and now have four grandchildren, Cole, Nicole, Alex, and Noelle; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Bigsby attended Northwest Missouri State University, where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in August 1975; he received his CLU from American College in 1979; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Bigsby joined the Calvary Baptist Church in Glenwood in 1981; he preached his first sermon on Thanksgiving morning in 1985; he worked with the Pastor Support Ministry, taught the new members class, and played a major role in the church's worship service; he was installed as pastor in 1994; and

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1 WHEREAS, Pastor Bigsby served as president of the South
2 Suburban Action Conference until 2009; he was elected vice
3 president of the African American Leadership Commission; in
4 July of 2009, he was elected president of the Gamaliel National
5 Clergy Caucus and installed at ILA in St. Louis; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Bigsby was unanimously elected president
7 and chairman of the Council of Presidents of the Gamaliel
8 Network; in December of 2012, he was elected to the Gamaliel
9 Board of Directors and served on the South Suburban Action
10 Conference's Executive Board; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate David Bigsby on 24 years as pastor, and we wish
14 him many more wonderful years; and be it further

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