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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate St. Luke Missionary
4 Baptist Church in Chicago on the occasion of its 100th
5 anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, St. Luke was founded in 1918 by six deacons, three
7 ministers, and a few members; they were initially located on
8 South State Street in a place described as "church row" because
9 of the many small store front churches located there; their
10 membership grew, and a new edifice was purchased on South
11 Indiana Avenue; at one time, church membership reached over 800
12 people who faithfully attended each Sunday; and

13 WHEREAS, St. Luke has a history of celebrity attendance;
14 over the years, members have included Mahalia Jackson and jazz
15 and blues singer, Dinah Washington, whose wedding and funeral
16 were held there; Sam Cooke and R&B group The Emotions visited
17 when they were children; Mayors Richard J. and Richard M.
18 Daley, Roland Burris, Harold Washington, Mayor Rahm Emmanuel,
19 and President Bill Clinton have all worshiped there; and

20 WHEREAS, Through the years, St. Luke has partnered with
21 local leaders to help bring resources to the local community;
22 food pantries, clothing giveaways, computer training classes,

1 back to school activities and services, and community forums
2 have been organized; it has also held town hall meetings so
3 candidates can meet and greet voters from the congregation and
4 surrounding community; and

5 WHEREAS, St. Luke is currently led by Pastor Rev. Scott
6 Onque; its theme for the year has been "From Generation to
7 Generation", which will culminate with a gala on September 28,
8 2018 at the South Shore Cultural Center and an anniversary
9 celebration on October 28, 2018; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 congratulate St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago on
13 its 100th anniversary and we wish them many more successful
14 years; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church as a symbol of
17 our respect and esteem.