

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives recognize the 100th birthday of the Elwin
4 United Methodist Church in Elwin; and

5 WHEREAS, The congregation can actually trace its lineage
6 back 167 years, but change and redevelopment has been a
7 constant theme in its vibrant history of growth; and

8 WHEREAS, The church moved from Mount Gilead Cemetery to
9 Elwin in 1873 because the Elwin community was thriving; the
10 main building now in use dates from 1903 and has been fed
11 with a steady diet of expansions and additions over the years
12 to handle its growing congregation; a new sanctuary was added
13 in 1996; and

14 WHEREAS, These days, congregation members stretch from
15 Mount Zion and from as far south as Moweaqua, as far west as
16 Taylorville, as far east as Dalton, and as far north as
17 Forsyth; this has kept the church healthy even though its
18 host community, Elwin, has faded over the past 100 years;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we recognize the 100th birthday of the Elwin United Methodist
23 Church and the contributions it has made to Elwin and the
24 surrounding communities over the past decade; and be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to Rev. John Younker as an expression of our
28 respect and esteem.