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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Pastor Steven D. Lewis has been Pastor of the True

3 Vine M.B. Church in Chicago for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Lewis is a graduate of Dwight D. Eisenhower 4 High School in Blue Island, and attended Moraine Valley 5 Community College in Palos Hills; he began his structured 6 7 biblical studies at Chicago Baptist Institute, 8 graduating from International Bible Seminary in Orlando, 9 Florida, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology; Pastor 10 Lewis was called to pastor the True Vine M.B. Church in 1979; 11 and

12 WHEREAS, Pastor Lewis is a renowned preacher; his powerful 13 teaching and dynamic preaching have touched hundreds of 14 thousands of lives, and have afforded him the privilege of 15 ministering to families all across Chicago and numerous cities 16 and states; and

WHEREAS, He is also very musically inclined, possessing both the gift of singing and playing the organ; his ministry is meaningful and mighty; although he is lofty in stature, his humble demeanor speaks a greater volume; and

WHEREAS, He has been married to his soul mate, Helen Patrice Lewis, for 23 years; they have been blessed with four children, Hope Lynette, Steven D. Jr., Christopher James, and Cameron William; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Pastor Steven D. Lewis on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary as Pastor of the True Vine M.B. Church in Chicago and we thank him for his many contributions to the community; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 2 presented to Pastor Lewis as an expression of our admiration
- 3 and esteem.