



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Pastor C.L. Fairchild was born September 4, 1936,
3 in Cotton Plant, Arkansas; he is married, has six children, and
4 is the proud Pastor of Greater Faith Church-Baptist of
5 Waukegan; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Fairchild was called to Greater Faith
7 Church-Baptist in February 1979, where he provides spiritual
8 guidance and support to members of the congregation; he has
9 increased the church membership from less than 100 to over 1000
10 and has been instrumental and personally responsible for the
11 purchase of three pieces of property, including the present
12 church site; he also instituted the church tithing program,
13 organized the Matron Board, whose services include visiting the
14 sick and evangelical outreach services, and has aired radio
15 broadcast services since 1980; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2001, he was given a vision to enlarge and
17 build a new sanctuary; this edifice was completed in May 2002,
18 with space for a multi-purpose building; the Greater Faith
19 family is still celebrating this achievement; and

20 WHEREAS, He is known throughout the United States and
21 abroad as a dynamic preacher, teacher, evangelist, singer,
22 civil rights leader, humanitarian, and scholar, and has held
23 numerous positions of importance throughout the Christian
24 community, both locally and nationally; and

25 WHEREAS, Pastor Fairchild's musical abilities are
26 phenomenal; he produced the first recording in the 116th-year
27 history of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., which
28 was nominated in 1998 for a Stella Award; under his tutelage,
29 his local choir, fondly known as the "Voices", have not only
30 excelled in the field of gospel music, they have reached a
31 spiritual pinnacle that few have achieved in a lifetime of

1 singing; and

2 WHEREAS, He has directed and taught music workshops and
3 choir and voice theory across the United States; among his many
4 other honors and awards, he won the coveted James Cleveland
5 award in 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Fairchild's theology education continues;
7 he attended the Chicago Baptist Institute and received a
8 Bachelor of Theology degree from Tennessee School of Religion
9 in Memphis; his earlier education was completed in Chicago; and

10 WHEREAS, He is currently the public relations officer for
11 the North Shore Baptist Ministers Alliance, where he previously
12 held the offices of president and vice president; he is past
13 president of the Waukegan, North Chicago, Zion, Coalition for
14 Better Government; he is a member of the board of directors for
15 the McKinley Theological Seminary, the National Baptist
16 Convention U.S.A. Inc., and E.C. Morris Institute of Arkansas
17 Baptist College; he is the chairman of the evangelistic Chicago
18 Baptist Conference; he is the past superintendent of evangelism
19 of the Baptist General State Convention, and the past secretary
20 of the evangelism board, NBC, USA, Inc., and co-chairman of the
21 Late Night Services, NBC, USA, Inc.; he is a life member of
22 Operation Push, NAACP, and Urban League; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
24 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
25 we honor Pastor C.L. Fairchild for improving and enriching the
26 lives of countless people in so many ways and thank him for his
27 inspirational service to his church and to the community at
28 large; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to Pastor C.L. Fairchild as an expression of our
31 utmost appreciation and gratitude.