



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Rev. Henry
4 Nicholson on the occasion of his 50th anniversary as pastor of
5 Truelight Baptist Church; and

6 WHEREAS, Rev. Nicholson is a native of East St. Louis and
7 is a graduate of Lincoln High School; he holds a B.A. from
8 American Baptist College and a divinity degree from Eden
9 Theological Seminary; and

10 WHEREAS, He was employed as an instructor in the Theology
11 Department of St. Louis University and authored a book on New
12 Testament theology, published in 1971; and

13 WHEREAS, Rev. Nicholson served on the Illinois State Human
14 Relations Commission and the Coalition for Good Government
15 Church Involvement Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, During his 1983 campaign for mayor of East St.
17 Louis, he organized a new political party called "Recovery"
18 with a platform advocating casino gambling; his vision for
19 "Recovery", was aimed to provide a major tourist attraction for
20 economic development that would create jobs and generate
21 revenue for the city; and

22 WHEREAS, Rev. Nicholson was a member of Theta Alpha Epsilon
23 Honor Society at American Baptist College; he received a Merit
24 Award for Devotion to the Principles of the Equality of Man
25 from the Illinois-Wisconsin States Association-I.B.P.O.E.W.
26 and the Man of the Year Award from the Pro-8 Club; and

27 WHEREAS, He has been a member of Truelight Baptist Church
28 since childhood and has been pastor since 1956; and

1 WHEREAS, Rev. Nicholson is married to Evelyn June Tantype,
2 and they two daughters and one son, Scarlet, Octavia, and
3 Corwin, and a grandson, Chancellor; in his spare time, Rev.
4 Nicholson enjoys table tennis, dancing, and fishing;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Rev. Henry Nicholson on the occasion of his
9 50th anniversary as pastor of Truelight Baptist Church; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Rev. Nicholson as an expression of our esteem.