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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the members of the Illinois House of Representatives that Father Darryl F. James, rector of Messiah-St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church in the Avalon Park Community of Chicago, is moving to Grace Episcopal Church in Jamaica, New York; and

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WHEREAS, His journey in ministry began at Howard University as a student participating in the Absalom Jones Student Association; Father James received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1976 and matriculated at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta for a year; and

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WHEREAS, The late Right Reverend John M. Burgess, first African-American diocesan bishop in the Episcopal Church, recruited Father James to Yale University, where he received his Master of Divinity degree in 1979; Father James served at Trinity Cathedral in Newark, New Jersey, and SS. Matthew and Joseph in Detroit, Michigan, before coming to Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, For 21 years a part of his ministry has involved exposing young people to opportunities in higher education; Father James has encouraged and sponsored trips to colleges and universities across the country; Father James serves on many boards and community organizations including The Human

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1 Resources Development Institute, the Community Advisory  
2 Council of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Community  
3 Renewal Society, and as chair of the Community Ministers  
4 Alliance; he was a member of the Chicago Board of Education,  
5 and served as the National President of the Union of Black  
6 Episcopalians; and

7 WHEREAS, Father James currently serves as national  
8 Vice-President for membership to the Howard University Alumni  
9 Association; he has served on the Design Team that created  
10 liturgies for the 2002 Episcopal Youth Event, the Benefits  
11 Research Advisory Committee of the Church Pension Fund, the  
12 Diocesan Excellent Disciples Committee, and currently serves  
13 on the Christian Formation Commission; and

14 WHEREAS, Father James continues the legacy of blessed  
15 Absalom Jones, first black priest of the Episcopal Church, by  
16 promoting peace and justice in the church and the larger  
17 community; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20 congratulate Father Darryl F. James on his move to Grace  
21 Episcopal Church in Jamaica, New York and thank him for his  
22 years of ministry and service to the citizens of the State of  
23 Illinois; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2   presented to Father Darryl F. James as a symbol of our respect.