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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, 2007 is the 50th year of ministry for the First 3 Baptist Church in Mt. Zion; and

WHEREAS, In 1957 a small group of people gathered in a store front and began a new ministry in Mt. Zion; in June of the same year a Mission was organized to form a church; the congregation chose the name First Baptist Church, affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention; and

9 WHEREAS, With 45 original members land was purchased at 700 10 West Main Street in Mt. Zion and in November of 1958 the new 11 building was completed and used for worship services for the 12 first time; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1960 an educational wing was added; in 1962 14 additional land was purchased west of the church and a 15 two-story educational building was erected on the new parcel; 16 in September of 1973 a new auditorium was completed, and is 17 still the worship center for the congregation; and

18 WHEREAS, There have been many different pastors and leaders 19 over the last fifty years, but all have shared the vision to 20 share the word of God to the people of Mt. Zion; therefore, be 21 it HR0083 -2- LRB095 07200 KXB 27334 r

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we 3 congratulate the ministry staff and congregation of First 4 Baptist Church in Mt. Zion and wish them continued blessings 5 for the future; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 7 presented to the ministry staff and congregation of First 8 Baptist Church as a symbol of our respect.