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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Pastor Fred Winters devoted his life to preaching
3 the word of God and through the teachings of Jesus Christ
4 promoted a life of grace, salvation, kindness to others, and
5 forgiveness; and

6 WHEREAS, On the morning of Sunday, March 8, 2009 Pastor
7 Fred was suddenly taken from his family and his congregation in
8 a tragic act of violence; and

9 WHEREAS, Pastor Fred died doing his life's work, using the
10 word of God to help his fellow church members find peace and
11 comfort in their own lives; and

12 WHEREAS, Fred Winters was born December 4, 1963, in Kansas
13 City, Missouri; and

14 WHEREAS, Pastor Fred Winters had served as pastor of the
15 First Baptist Church of Maryville since 1987; and

16 WHEREAS, Pastor Fred and Cindy Lee (Jackson) were married
17 September 12, 1987 and were the proud and loving parents of two
18 children: Alysia Grace and Cassidy Hope; and

19 WHEREAS, He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from

1 Southwest Baptist University in 1985, received his Master's
2 degree in Systematic Theology and Church History from Wheaton
3 Graduate School in 1986, and a Master's of Divinity from
4 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1991; he went on to
5 earn a Doctorate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Pastor Fred is the former president of the
8 Illinois Baptist State Association and an adjunct professor for
9 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

10 WHEREAS, Pastor Fred Winters is survived by his wife,
11 Cindy; his daughters, Alysia Grace and Cassidy Hope; his
12 mother, Jacqueline; his brothers, Karl (Ramona), Joe (Mary),
13 Zach (Karen), Andrew, and John; his sister, Anna (Jim)
14 Sublette; and his grandfather, Dr. Harlan Hannon; therefore, be
15 it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
18 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn, with heavy hearts, the
19 passing of Pastor Fred Winters and offer our sincerest
20 condolences to his family, his congregation, and all who were
21 touched by his life and his mission; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Pastor Fred Winters as a symbol of
2 our sincere sympathy.