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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the staff and  
4 congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in West Dundee on the  
5 100th anniversary of the church; and

6           WHEREAS, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, founded in December of  
7 1909, has been a mainstay of the West Dundee community,  
8 shepherding locals from infancy through their adult lives;  
9 throughout 2009, the congregation has recognized its 100th  
10 birthday by inviting former pastors to preach at various  
11 worship services; and

12           WHEREAS, Reverend Bill Stroup, pastor of St. John's  
13 Lutheran Church in Algonquin, presided over the final  
14 observance, as the church moves into its second century;  
15 Reverend Stroup grew up as a member of the congregation and  
16 performed leadership roles in the church before his ordination  
17 in 2001; and

18           WHEREAS, Former music director Gary Lichthardt also  
19 returned to play the organ during the services; Mr. Lichthardt,  
20 currently serving Trinity Church in Roselle, formerly led a  
21 thriving music program at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where he  
22 was organist from 1979 to 1986; and

1           WHEREAS, The commemoration coincided with Dickens in  
2 Dundee, a local holiday celebration dating back to 1988; and

3           WHEREAS, In addition to liturgy services, the church  
4 participated in local happenings, with a bake sale and hot soup  
5 and sandwiches; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 congratulate the staff and congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran  
9 Church and wish them the best for years to come; and be it  
10 further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Reverend Steven Woita, current pastor of Bethlehem  
13 Lutheran Church, as a symbol of our respect and esteem.