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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Pastor Joseph Johnson, of
4 the Star of Hope Full Gospel Baptist Church in Peoria, on the
5 occasion of his 75th birthday; and

6 WHEREAS, Bishop Joseph H. Johnson has been pastoring the
7 Star of Hope Full Gospel Baptist Church in Peoria for 43 years;
8 he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Theology from Chicago
9 Baptist Institute of Theology; and

10 WHEREAS, He served as the assistant pastor of Liberty
11 Baptist Church in Chicago, under the leadership of Pastor
12 Parker, after completing his studies; he later returned to his
13 home church, the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church in
14 Peoria, under the leadership of late Pastor Calvin Hightower;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, He completed Pre-Law graduate studies at South Cal
17 and in Minneapolis, Minnesota; he dedicated 35 years to the
18 Juvenile Court Service of Peoria County, starting as a juvenile
19 probation officer, and retiring as the director of Juvenile
20 Court after 33 years in that position; and

21 WHEREAS, While pastoring and working at juvenile court, he

1 raised 2 sons, Joel and John, and 18 foster sons; he is also
2 blessed with a daughter, Jehan Alea; and

3 WHEREAS, He has 24 sons and daughters of the ministry
4 serving as pastors and missionaries throughout the United
5 States; under his leadership, the ministry of Star Hope has and
6 continues to support missionaries in Africa and
7 Trinidad-Tobago; during his pastorate, the ministry has paid
8 off 2 buildings and an expansion without having to resort to
9 the traditional fundraising; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 wish Pastor Johnson a great birthday celebration this year and
13 for years to come; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Pastor Joseph Johnson as a symbol of our respect
16 and esteem.