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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the pastor and
4 congregation of Saint Stephen Lutheran Church in Antioch on
5 their 45th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, On September 13, 1964, Mission Developer and
7 Minister Wilton Anderson arrived in Antioch to investigate the
8 possibility of establishing a new Lutheran ministry in the
9 area; on December 6, 1964, the first Sunday morning worship
10 service was held, followed by a new choir and Sunday School
11 being started on January 10, 1965; and

12 WHEREAS, On April 4, 1965 the Charter for organization of
13 the church was opened and Organizational Sunday was held on May
14 2, 1965; and

15 WHEREAS, The congregation originally met at the Antioch
16 Community High School; on December 3, 1967, the newly
17 constructed church was dedicated; and

18 WHEREAS, After Pastor Anderson's ministry ended in August
19 of 1979, Pastor Charles Miller began his ministry in February
20 of 1980; Pastor Miller led the construction of a 5,400 foot
21 expansion that was dedicated in 1988; Pastor Miller retired the

1 same year; and

2 WHEREAS, Pastor Black served from 2000 to 2006; Pastor
3 Ellen Arthur has served since July 2008; many of the programs
4 include Headstart, Weight Watchers, and the Boy Scouts of
5 America, the Open Arms Mission, Habitat for Humanity, the Relay
6 for Life, and many other community programs; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 congratulate the pastor and congregation of Saint Stephen
10 Lutheran Church and wish them the best in the future; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the congregation of Saint Stephen Lutheran Church
14 as a symbol of our respect and esteem.