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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the congregation  
4 of Immanuel United Church of Christ on the occasion of the  
5 dedication of the church's Heritage Marker; and

6           WHEREAS, On June 3, 1852, five acres of land were donated  
7 by W.G. Hubbard for the sole and exclusive use of erecting a  
8 house for religious worship and a burying ground; in 1853, the  
9 first building was erected and served as a church, school, and  
10 parsonage; the church was called Immanuel German Evangelical  
11 Lutheran Church; in 1959, a vote was taken to change the name  
12 to Immanuel Church, United Church of Christ, Hanover Township,  
13 Elgin, Illinois; in April of 1970, the name was changed to  
14 Immanuel United Church of Christ; and

15           WHEREAS, The first burial in the church's cemetery was held  
16 in 1854; a new church building was built and dedicated in 1868  
17 and serves as the church building today; in 1879, a new school  
18 house was built; the original building was remodeled and  
19 subsequently served as the parsonage; the church's buildings  
20 have gone through numerous renovations and revisions since; and

21           WHEREAS, In May of 1911, the church's Women's Guild was  
22 organized with 36 members; the Women's Guild has supported many

1 projects within the church and community; in 1985, the  
2 Christian Outreach Group was formed for those ladies who worked  
3 or were otherwise unable to attend the daytime Women's Guild;  
4 the Women's Guild continues to meet on the first Thursday of  
5 the odd number months; the church's first Youth Group was  
6 formed in 1939; and

7 WHEREAS, Immanuel United Church of Christ has hosted  
8 numerous events and celebrations throughout its rich history,  
9 including the Chick'n Chop Fry, the Spring and Fall Rummage  
10 Sales, and the Craft Fair; the church also takes part in many  
11 charitable activities, including the PADS program, the Hanover  
12 Township Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, and the Night  
13 Ministry for the Homeless; and

14 WHEREAS, Many pastors have served the congregation of  
15 Immanuel United Church of Christ over the years, including Rev.  
16 Snell (1853 - 1854), Rev. C. Bofinger (1854 - 1857), Rev. F. G.  
17 Reinicke (1857 - 1866) Rev. G. Lambrecht (1866 - 1870), Rev.  
18 Julius Schumm (1870 - 1873), Rev. F. Boeber (1873 - 1877), Rev.  
19 F. Rasche (1877 - 1880), Rev. R. Krueger (1880 - 1885), Rev.  
20 Paul Foerster (1885 - 1890), Rev. F. W. Schnathorst (1890 -  
21 1897), Rev. J. H. Ellerbrake (1897 - 1913, 1934 - 1941), Rev.  
22 A. Voight (1913 - 1919), Rev. William Meyer (1920 - 1934), Rev.  
23 R. Nienkamp (1942 - 1944), Rev. Peter Beecken (1945 - 1964),  
24 Rev. Paul Rucker (1965 - 1969), Rev. Myron Schmitt (1970 -

1 1983), Rev. Don Riemer (1984 - 2001), Rev. Kim Wood (2003 -  
2 2009), and Rev. Tom Gough (2009 - present); and

3 WHEREAS, Immanuel United Church of Christ's Heritage  
4 Marker will be dedicated during a ceremony on September 28,  
5 2011 at 5:20 P.M.; the Heritage Marker honors the final resting  
6 place of three Civil War veterans, Richard Bode, Henry Folmer,  
7 and Henry C. Schaefer, as well as several early settlers of  
8 Hanover Township; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we congratulate the congregation of Immanuel United Church of  
12 Christ on the occasion of the dedication of the church's  
13 Heritage Marker and wish them continued success and happiness  
14 in the future; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the congregation of Immanuel United Church of  
17 Christ as a symbol of our esteem and respect.