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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Rev. Lishers Mahone, Jr.
4 on the occasion of his retirement as Pastor of Brown Chapel
5 A.M.E. Church in Joliet; and

6 WHEREAS, Lishers Mahone, Jr. is the third of 8 children
7 born to Lishers and Lizzie Mae Mahone of Patsburg, Alabama; he
8 received his early education in Alabama; when he was 18 years
9 old, he went to Illinois to visit his sister, never realizing
10 what God had in store for him; he subsequently served in the
11 United States Armed Forces, where he received his formal
12 training in Business Administration; and

13 WHEREAS, Lishers Mahone, Jr. entered the Itinerant
14 Ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and received
15 his theological training through the Moody Bible Institute of
16 Chicago and the African Methodist Episcopal Church; he was
17 ordained an Itinerant Elder by the late Bishop Howard Thomas
18 Primm in September of 1972; and

19 WHEREAS, Lishers Mahone, Jr. began his Pastorate at Turner
20 Memorial A.M.E. Church in Chicago, located in the living room
21 of one of its members; during his tenure there, he led the
22 congregation in purchasing property with the intentions of

1 building a new church; in 1981, he was appointed as Pastor of
2 the beleaguered Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church; shortly after his
3 arrival, Brown Chapel was well on its way to fiscal prosperity
4 and spiritual growth; in 1991, Brown Chapel broke ground for
5 its new edifice at 1502 East Mills Road in Joliet; and

6 WHEREAS, Lishers Mahone, Jr. has the distinction of serving
7 the longest pastoral term in the North District of the Chicago
8 A.M.E. Annual Conference; and

9 WHEREAS, Since 2003, Lishers Mahone, Jr. has served as
10 President of Churches United in the Fight Against Aids, a local
11 organization working exclusively to empower churches in the
12 greater Joliet area in the struggle against the HIV/AIDS
13 epidemic in the African-American community; he served as the
14 Chairman of the Will County Community Health Organization
15 Governing Council Board; he has also served on the Quality
16 Control Committee for the Will County Community Health Center
17 and is a member of the Joliet Regional Interfaith Education
18 Council; and

19 WHEREAS, Lishers Mahone, Jr. and his wife, First Lady Betty
20 Mahone, are the proud parents of 3 adult children, Kenneth
21 (Christina), Lishune, and Lishers, III (Chanda), and the
22 grandparents of 4 wonderful grandchildren, Eleanor Grace,
23 Marshall James, Blake Alexander, and Karrington Alexis;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Rev. Lishers Mahone, Jr. on the occasion of his
5 retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the
6 future; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Lishers Mahone, Jr. as a symbol of our esteem and
9 respect.