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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Greater St. James Temple Institutional Church of God in Christ on the occasion its 75th anniversary in 2015; and

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WHEREAS, The history of Greater St. James began in the City of North Chicago in 1936 when a small group came together under the direction of Elder Eugene Robinson as their first pastor; they found a small brick building on 15th Street and Elizabeth Avenue and the North Chicago Junction Church of God in Christ was born; and

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WHEREAS, In the 1940s, under the leadership of Pastor James W. Markham, the church's name was changed to the St. James Temple Church of God in Christ; and

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WHEREAS, During the 1950s and 1960s, the church became too small for the ever-growing congregation, and, in June of 1977, a new church was built on Wright Avenue in North Chicago and its name became the Greater St. James Temple Church of God in Christ; and

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WHEREAS, Today, Greater St. James helps the North Chicago and Lake County communities through their non-profit,

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1 faith-based corporation, the Greater St. James Community
2 Development Corporation (GSJCDC) of North Chicago; it has
3 awarded over \$32,000 in scholarships to high school and college
4 students, established a capital project fund at Fifth Third
5 Bank on behalf of the North Chicago Community High School, and
6 partnered with Alice Sample's "Make A Child Smile" Foundation
7 to distribute free Christmas toys to children throughout the
8 community; it has also united with Tabitha Community Services
9 of Chicago to give assistance to thousands of people in the
10 area who are victims of domestic violence and homelessness; and

11 WHEREAS, A celebration dinner will be held on June 19, 2015
12 at the Holiday Inn Gurnee Convention Center; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 congratulate Greater St. James Temple Institutional Church of
16 God in Christ on its 75th anniversary in 2015 and we wish them
17 many more wonderful years; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Greater St. James Temple Institutional Church of
20 God in Christ as a symbol of our respect and esteem.