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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize Christ Lutheran Church of  
4 Stockton on the occasion of the church's 125th anniversary; and

5           WHEREAS, The congregation of Christ Lutheran Church was  
6 organized by several German families in 1890, with the first  
7 meetings in the Stockton School; it was later decided to build  
8 their own house of worship; the construction of the church was  
9 dedicated on October 7, 1894; and

10           WHEREAS, During the Christ Lutheran Church's early years,  
11 the congregation shared pastors with Warren, Illinois, an  
12 arrangement that ended in 1916; shortly after a new parsonage  
13 was dedicated in 1916, the church building was partially burned  
14 down; the building was rebuilt and rededicated in 1920; and

15           WHEREAS, As the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church grew  
16 in number, it was decided to build a larger church building; in  
17 June of 1946, the congregation purchased 24 acres of land on  
18 the north edge of Stockton from Howard Bohnhoff; from that  
19 land, 25 building lots were sold, as well as 11 acres that were  
20 sold to the Village of Stockton for a new park; from the  
21 remaining 2 acres, the congregation built the present church  
22 building; groundbreaking services were held in 1948 and the

1 corner laying services were held in 1949; the new church  
2 building was dedicated on October 8, 1950; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1968, Christ Lutheran Church's new parsonage  
4 was built and the former parsonage, which was connected to the  
5 church, was converted to a building for Sunday School classes  
6 and organizational meetings; and

7 WHEREAS, Members of the congregation of Christ Lutheran  
8 Church have established hospice for residents of the community  
9 and Jo Daviess County; the church also established the area's  
10 first food pantry in the area; and

11 WHEREAS, Christ Lutheran Church's current membership is  
12 served by Pastor Susan Davenport and the Lay Chairman of the  
13 congregation is Steven Rice; the congregation is part of the  
14 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

15 WHEREAS, The celebration of the 125th anniversary of the  
16 establishment of Christ Lutheran Church will be held on October  
17 3 and 4, 2015; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20 recognize Christ Lutheran Church of Stockton on the occasion of  
21 the church's 125th anniversary and wish its congregation

1 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it  
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies be presented to the Chairman  
4 of Christ Lutheran Church, the Stockton Heritage Museum, and  
5 the President of the Village of Stockton as an expression of  
6 our esteem and respect.