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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to honor Anthony White for his 50 years of music ministry service in Illinois and Missouri; and

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WHEREAS, Anthony White currently serves as Minister of Music at Mount Gideon Missionary Baptist Church of University City, Missouri; he began playing the piano and organ at the young age of 14, under the instruction of Mike Zikovich at the Sonny Shields Music Studio; he later received instruction from the Margie Olive School of Music; growing up in Friendship Baptist Church, he served as the musician for the youth choir; and

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WHEREAS, Since that time, Anthony White has shared his gift of music at many churches throughout the Greater Metropolitan St. Louis and East St. Louis areas; he previously served as a musician at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Mt. Pisgah Church, Morning Star of East St. Louis, Morning Star of St. Louis, the Holy Ghost Tabernacle, Greater Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Cherubim Baptist Church, Union Tabernacle Church, Leonard Baptist Church, Mercy Seat Baptist Church, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Mount Herald Church, and Pleasant Green Baptist Church, among others; and

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1           WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Anthony White has had the  
2 opportunity to work with other gospel greats, such as his  
3 personal friend Reverend James Cleveland, his mentor Reverend  
4 Charles Nicks, Charles Fold, Casetta George, Albertina Walker,  
5 the O'Neil Twins, Jack McGill, Gladys Givens, and Jeanetta  
6 Bradley; and

7           WHEREAS, Anthony White has had some of his most meaningful  
8 experiences in gospel music, including arranging, songwriting,  
9 and playing at Madison Square Garden, Constitutional Hall, the  
10 Civic Auditorium in Houston, Texas, the Municipal Auditorium in  
11 Atlanta, Georgia, McCormick Place in Chicago, and the Powell  
12 Symphony Hall, Kiel Auditorium, and Scottrade Center in St.  
13 Louis; he has been involved with the Gospel Music Workshop of  
14 America for over 45 years, serving the organization on the  
15 national and local levels and as a member, musician, assistant  
16 chapter representative, and co-chapter representative; he also  
17 wrote the song "I Don't Need Nobody Else", which is still being  
18 performed by choirs across the country; and

19           WHEREAS, In addition to his contributions to the church  
20 community, Anthony White is also involved by serving as a voice  
21 for his neighborhood in East St. Louis; and

22           WHEREAS, For the past 50 years, Anthony White has been

1 known for his fancy and debonair style and fashion, his rich  
2 practice of teaching traditional gospel music, especially  
3 hymns, and for bringing out the best in every voice under his  
4 leadership; therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7 honor Anthony White for his 50 years of music ministry service  
8 and wish him continued success and happiness in the future; and  
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10       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Anthony White as a symbol of our esteem and  
12 respect.