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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Rock of Ages Baptist Church in Maywood on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, Rock of Ages Baptist Church was founded by Reverend Thomas H. Wade Sr. at the Old Lycem Hall, located at 1309 Madison Street in Maywood, on September 15, 1950; after experiencing great growth, the church eventually moved into another edifice at 1642 South 15th Avenue; and

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WHEREAS, After the passing of Reverend Wade, Rock of Ages Baptist Church was led by Reverend Marvin E. Wiley beginning in March 1991, becoming the second pastor in the church's 40-year history; as the church's membership continued to expand, a new multimillion-dollar edifice was built at the original location of the Old Lycem in 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Under Reverend Wiley's leadership, Rock of Ages Baptist Church opened the T.H. Wade Foundation Center to offer additional resources for training, education, and businesses, acquired the Solid Rock Christian Bookstore and the Rock Solid Ice Cream Shop, and began offering a Saturday night worship in Bolingbrook; and

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1 WHEREAS, Rock of Ages Baptist Church also founded Vision
2 of Restoration, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization, to provide
3 education and economic development, mental and social
4 services, and career development and enhancement to the
5 residents of Maywood and the surrounding communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Since Reverend Wiley's installation, Rock of Ages
7 Baptist Church has experienced spiritual, financial, and
8 numerical growth, with church membership expanding from 400 to
9 more than 4,000 today; and

10 WHEREAS, Rock of Ages Baptist Church has positioned itself
11 to continue growing through increasing opportunities to
12 minister and reach those in need while continuing to minister
13 under its five cornerstones of exaltation, edification,
14 evangelism, extension, and equipping; and

15 WHEREAS, Rock of Ages Baptist Church will celebrate its
16 75th anniversary under the theme of "From Wade to Wiley 75th
17 Diamond Jubilee Anniversary" from September 12 through
18 September 14, 2025; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Rock of Ages Baptist Church in Maywood on
22 achieving its 75th anniversary.