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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Reverend Willia Brown on
4 her retirement and recognize her 25 years of Professional
5 Chaplaincy and Leadership in Pastoral and Spiritual Care as
6 well as her notable community service; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Brown has demonstrated strong and
8 effective leadership at area hospitals, including Schwab
9 Rehabilitation Hospital and Care Network, Advocate Bethany
10 Hospital, and Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center; in
11 collaboration with the Westside Ministers Coalition, Loretto
12 Hospital, and Advocate Bethany Hospital, she led a three-day
13 training program for clergy that focused on Disaster Spiritual
14 Care Response; when she served as a hospice chaplain, she not
15 only journeyed with patients through the dying process, she
16 sometimes secured burial funds for families in need; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Brown responded to victims of violence
18 and trauma by developing a chaplain's domestic violence and
19 sexual assault program; she served as the Chair for the 11th
20 District Police Domestic Violence Subcommittee and worked with
21 their Clergy Subcommittee for nearly five years; she also
22 served with the 15th District Police, where she designed a
23 training program on community engagement for members of the

1 clergy; and

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Brown further connected with the
3 community by training over 50 volunteers to minister and
4 support patients and their family members during their
5 admission to the hospitals; she also raised funds to support
6 the training of community clergy in Clinical Pastoral
7 Education, a higher level of hospital clergy training; and

8 WHEREAS, At her office desk, Reverend Brown answered
9 telephone calls from people in local communities who asked for
10 pastoral support during times of depression, threat of suicide,
11 and unemployment; she helped parents who were in need of
12 clothing so their children could attend school; she assisted
13 those who needed food and furniture for their homes; she
14 demonstrated compassionate and sensitive leadership; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Brown's work and ministry assisted many
16 in the communities of Chicago and the suburban areas; as a
17 chaplain, her pastoral care, patience, and understanding were
18 felt at the bedsides of patients in hospitals, nursing homes,
19 assisted living facilities, and their own homes; she
20 compassionately and skillfully worked with patients through
21 their pain and suffering when they felt hopeless and helpless;
22 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 congratulate Reverend Willia Brown on her 25 years of faithful
4 and dedicated care and community service to the people of the
5 Chicago area and the State of Illinois, and we wish her the
6 best in her future endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Reverend Brown as an expression of our esteem and
9 respect.