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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Pastor Kelon D. Duke on the occasion of his sixth year at Calvary Baptist Church in Glenwood; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Duke was raised in Miami, Florida and accepted his call to ministry at the age of 17; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Duke graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Religion, with a minor in Philosophy; he received his Master of Divinity degree from Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, D.C.; in August of 2014, he successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio and received his Doctor of Ministry degree; his doctoral project and research interests focused on prophetic preaching in a post-modern context with a contemporary audience; his original research project was entitled, "Moving the church from being the victim of hurt to ministering in victory"; and

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WHEREAS, Pastor Duke gained ministry experience at the Greater Traveler's Rest Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia during his matriculation at Morehouse College; he also served

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1 as the Youth Pastor of the historic Shiloh Baptist Church in
2 Alexandria, Virginia before transitioning to become the
3 Assistant to the Pastor of the Mt. Ennon Baptist Church in
4 Clinton, Maryland; in January of 2010, he accepted an
5 opportunity to return to his home church, New Jerusalem
6 Primitive Baptist Church in Miami, Florida as the Assistant
7 Pastor; and

8 WHEREAS, Pastor Duke was installed as Calvary Baptist
9 Church's fourth and current pastor on April 22, 2012; the
10 church's membership has continued to grow, and several building
11 improvements have been made under his leadership; in January
12 2014, he introduced Calvary's surname, "The Church of Love";
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14 WHEREAS, Pastor Duke and his wife, Tina, are the parents of
15 one daughter, Noelle Duke; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 congratulate Pastor Kelon D. Duke on his six years of faithful
19 service as the Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in
20 Glenwood, and we wish him and the church continued success and
21 joy; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Pastor Duke as an expression of our esteem and
2 respect.