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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Reverend Clarence W.
4 Hopson, pastor emeritus of the Broadview Missionary Baptist
5 Church, on the occasion of his 95th birthday on May 27, 2023;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Pastor Hopson was born on May 27, 1928; he served
8 in the U.S. Army, where he was stationed in Camp Gordon,
9 Georgia and later in Stuttgart, Germany; he married Annie Bell
10 at New Hope Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi on January
11 18, 1953, and they had five children; and

12 WHEREAS, Pastor Hopson worked as a machine operator at the
13 International Harvester in Melrose Park, where he felt his
14 life's calling to minister; he began preaching at Pilgrim Rest
15 Baptist Church in Chicago, where he served for 15 years, and he
16 graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 1971; and

17 WHEREAS, Pastor Hopson became pastor at Broadview Baptist
18 Chapel (BBC) at 44 years of age in May 1972, with approximately
19 40 members; under his pastoral leadership, the congregation
20 experienced record growth, leading the church to find a new
21 location in 1974 and again in 1980; and

1 WHEREAS, Pastor Hopson oversaw BBC being renamed as the
2 Broadview Missionary Baptist Church (BMBC); under his
3 guidance, BMBC led countless individuals to deepen or discover
4 their faith, and hundreds were baptized; he also launched 36
5 ministries to serve the church family and surrounding
6 communities; he preached at BMBC for 35 years until his
7 retirement in 2007; and

8 WHEREAS, Pastor Hopson, whose life in ministry spans over
9 five decades, now serves as pastor emeritus of BMBC; his love
10 for people of all backgrounds and cultures is paramount to his
11 pastoral leadership and legacy; and

12 WHEREAS, Through evangelism, pastoral leadership, and
13 mentoring other church leaders, Pastor Hopson has made an
14 indelible impact on the City of Broadview and the lives of its
15 citizens; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate the Reverend Clarence W. Hopson, pastor
19 emeritus of the Broadview Missionary Baptist Church, on
20 celebrating his 95th birthday; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Pastor Hopson as an expression of our esteem and

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1 respect.