

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Bishop Charles E.
4 Davis, D.D. on the occasion of his 80th birthday which
5 occurred on October 2, 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Bishop Davis has served as pastor of Indiana
7 Avenue Pentecostal Church of God since April of 1970; he was
8 elevated to the bishopric in 1986; he and his wife of 43
9 years, Dr. Geraldine Olivia Davis, served side by side in all
10 of his endeavors, until her passing in September of 1998; and

11 WHEREAS, Bishop Davis is the diocesan of the First
12 Episcopal District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the
13 World, encompassing New York State and Canada; he has served
14 in many decision-making positions within the organization on
15 the local and national level, including service as the
16 Illinois District Council Assistant Chairman and Chairman, as
17 the Brotherhood Director, as the National Lay Director, on
18 the Rules and Procedure Committee, as a member and
19 Coordinator of the Convention Committee, on the Finance and
20 Budget Committee, and as a member of the Executive Board; and

21 WHEREAS, Bishop Davis holds several degrees; he has
22 bachelor's degrees in liberal arts and Bible; he holds a
23 master's degree in theology and a doctorate in divinity; and

24 WHEREAS, Bishop Davis is a strong man of faith,
25 fortitude, and vision; he is a man of exemplary character and
26 stands for what he believes in; his community support shows
27 through in his community outreach projects and he is highly
28 respected both in religious and non-religious circles;
29 therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
31 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate Bishop Charles E. Davis, D.D. on the occasion
2 of his 80th birthday; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Bishop Davis as an expression of our esteem.