



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Wheaton Bible Church, at Main Street and Franklin
3 in Wheaton, will celebrate its 75th anniversary on the weekend
4 of September 24 through 26, 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1929, Wheaton Bible Church was founded as an
6 interdenominational church on the campus of Wheaton College; in
7 1936, the 200 parishioners moved into their first church
8 building at Cross and Union Streets on the southeast corner of
9 the lot where the present sanctuary stands; over the next 20
10 years, the church built an additional educational building and
11 purchased additional lots; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1958, the church began construction of the
13 current sanctuary, which sits on the northeast corner of the
14 block and seats approximately 1100 people; in 1981, all
15 facilities on the main campus, with the exception of the
16 sanctuary, were razed to allow construction of a new
17 educational wing, including classrooms, a chapel, an atrium,
18 meeting rooms, and a gym; in 1987, the church purchased a
19 facility located south of the main campus which is used by
20 approximately 600 junior high, senior high and college students
21 on Sundays and throughout the week; and

22 WHEREAS, Over 2400 people from all parts of DuPage County
23 worship in four Sunday services, and the church also offers a
24 variety of worship services and educational activities for
25 children and adults; and

26 WHEREAS, The church meets the diverse needs of its members
27 and the communities it serves in many ways, including Hispanic,
28 Men's, Women's, and Singles' Ministries, Stephen Ministry,
29 support groups, Student Ministries, nurseries, Sunday School,
30 Children's Choir, Awana Club, "The Herd" and "Student Body" for
31 junior high and high school students, special events, community

1 service, and contributions to ministries and relief efforts
2 around the world; and

3 WHEREAS, Wheaton Bible Church plans to move to a new site
4 that will enable the church to expand to meet the growing needs
5 of DuPage County; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 congratulate Wheaton Bible Church on the occasion of its 75th
9 anniversary and we convey our appreciation for its invaluable
10 contributions to the diverse communities it serves; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Wheaton Bible Church with our best wishes on this
14 historic occasion.