



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The congregation of First Baptist Church of  
3 Maryville is celebrating the church's 60th anniversary on July  
4 10, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, First Baptist Church has a rich history and an  
6 exciting future; church attendance has grown from an average  
7 attendance of 32 in 1987 to almost 1,000 today; and

8 WHEREAS, The church began at 209 East Main Street and was  
9 officially organized on March 4, 1945; in 1987, the church  
10 relocated to 6 acres at 2184 Vadalabene Drive; its present  
11 location, 35 acres at 7110 Illinois State Route 162, was  
12 purchased in 1995; its first service on July 9, 2000, drew over  
13 1,200 attendees; and

14 WHEREAS, The one thing that makes the church special is the  
15 people; from the caring staff to the friendliness of its  
16 diverse congregation, First Baptist is committed to truly being  
17 a family in Christ; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we congratulate the congregation of First Baptist Church of  
21 Maryville on the happy occasion of the church's 60th  
22 anniversary and thank Pastor Fred Winters and his wife, Cindy,  
23 for their many years of inspirational service to the community;  
24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
26 presented to First Baptist Church of Maryville as an expression  
27 of our respect and esteem.