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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 Illinois WHEREAS, The members of the House of 3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Reverend Larry D. 4 Lewis, pastor, and the congregation of Bethel African Methodist 5 Episcopal Church in Champaign, as they host the Illinois North 6 District Conference; and 7 WHEREAS, The Illinois North District of the African 8 Methodist Episcopal Church consists of 18 churches from 9 Illinois and Iowa, and is under the leadership of The Reverend 10 Tyson J. Parks, Presiding Elder; and 11 WHEREAS, The Conference will be held from April 13, 2011 to April 16, 2011 at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal 12 13 Church; and 14 WHEREAS, The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in 1863 and is a leading religious institution that 15 provides spiritual, moral, and religious leadership in the 16 17 community; and 18 WHEREAS, The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church 19 performs much important work within the community; it 20 financially supports such projects as Empty Tomb, the Women in Transition Shelter, and the Martin Luther King Scholarship 21

- 1 Fund, and sponsors children from the Don Moyer Boys and Girls
- 2 Club of Greater Champaign; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The leaders and congregation of the Bethel African
- 4 Methodist Episcopal Church, through their exemplary faith,
- 5 hard work, and generosity, contribute greatly to the people of
- 6 the Champaign and Urbana communities and this State; therefore,
- 7 be it
- 8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 10 we congratulate everyone involved in the Illinois North
- 11 District Conference and wish them success and inspiration; and
- 12 be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 14 presented to Reverend Tyson J. Parks and Reverend Larry D.
- 15 Lewis as a symbol of our respect and esteem.