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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the congregation 4 of Resurrection House Baptist Church on the occasion of the 5 dedication of the church's new building; and

WHEREAS, Resurrection House Baptist Church began with 13 members meeting at Resurrection House Inc., a non-profit residential living facility for women reintegrating themselves back in mainstream society; the members began a Tuesday night Bible study and the vision began to grow and expand; after many of the members urged Pastor Marcus A. Randle to launch a new church, he began to look for a permanent place of worship and found a location at 244 East 138th Street in Dolton; after negotiations with the real estate company and a short cosmetic make over, Resurrection House held its first Sunday morning worship service on July 5, 2009 at what is known as Resurrection House Baptist Church Campus; the church has grown from its original 13 members to its present congregation of 241 members in the last 2 years; and

WHEREAS, Immediately after the opening of Resurrection House Baptist Church, numerous ministries began to form, including the "Generation Next" youth ministry, which reached over 75 youth and children in its first year; the church also

organized a weekly youth Bible study and took youth on several

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- 2 educational trips and recreational outings; the church's
- 3 Women's Affairs ministry, entitled "Women on Fire for Christ",
- 4 has reached out to women from all walks of life; its men's
- 5 ministry, "Men Resurrecting Men", and its young adult's
- 6 ministry, "Atmosphere Changers For Christ", have also reached
- 7 out to many in the community; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Having outgrown their original accommodations,
- 9 the congregation of Resurrection House Baptist Church will move
- into a new location at 245 East 138th Street in Dolton; the
- 11 congregation will dedicate this new building with a service on
- 12 November 18, 2012; and
- 13 WHEREAS, The congregation of Resurrection House Baptist
- 14 Church serve as models of hard work, integrity, and dedication
- for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it
- 16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 17 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 18 we congratulate the congregation of Resurrection House Baptist
- 19 Church on the occasion of the dedication of the church's new
- 20 building and wish them continued success and happiness in the
- 21 future; and be it further
- 22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

- 1 presented to Resurrection House Baptist Church as a symbol of
- 2 our esteem and respect.