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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2016; and

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate United States Congressman 4 Bobby Rush on the occasion of his 70th birthday on November 23,

WHEREAS, Congressman Rush was born in Albany, Georgia on November 23, 1946 and moved to Chicago at the age of 7; he earned his Bachelor of General Studies from Roosevelt University in 1973, his Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1974, and his Master of Theology from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Rush was involved the civil rights movement throughout the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Rush took office as United States Representative for Illinois's 1st Congressional District in 1993, and has since won consecutive re-election; while in office, he has focused on issues of importance to low and middle-income families and communities; he has brought more than one billion dollars to the 1st Congressional District; he has led efforts to fund major infrastructure projects and obtained millions of dollars in grants for libraries, museums,

1 municipalities, police departments, hospitals, schools, and

- 2 programs that support the arts; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Congressman Rush and his wife, Carolyn, had seven
- 4 children together; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Congressman Rush is an honorably discharged
- 6 veteran of the United States Army; he is an ordained minister
- 7 and is the pastor of the Beloved Community Christian Church of
- 8 God in Christ in Chicago; therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 10 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 11 congratulate United States Congressman Bobby Rush on his 70th
- 12 birthday, and we wish him many more wonderful years; and be it
- 13 further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- presented to Congressman Rush as a symbol of our respect and
- 16 esteem.