



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A 75th birthday celebration is being held in honor  
3 of Dr. LouDella Evans Reid; a luncheon is set for Saturday,  
4 July 30, 2005, and a Birthday Musical Celebration is scheduled  
5 for Sunday, July 31, 2005, which will include a performance by  
6 the Homecoming Reunion Choir consisting of current and former  
7 Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church choir members; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Reid has a national reputation as one of the  
9 most outstanding ministers of music; her unique style of  
10 directing is majestic as well as powerful and has enhanced the  
11 services of her church, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of  
12 Chicago, for almost 55 years; and

13 WHEREAS, She was the only woman among the five charter  
14 members of her church, where her brother, the Reverend Clay  
15 Evans, is the founder and senior pastor; she created the  
16 church's first choir, served as its first pianist, and was  
17 appointed Minister of Music in 1963, during a time in which it  
18 was unusual for women to hold such a position; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Reid is noted for arranging songs that have  
20 been featured in musical recordings, including "New Name in  
21 Glory" and "Bringing in the Sheaves", as well as for her moving  
22 renditions of hymns such as "It is Well", "Even Me", "More Love  
23 to Thee", and "Close to Thee"; her musical talents have been  
24 showcased in many arenas, including in over 30 musical releases  
25 of the Reverend Clay Evans and the Fellowship Missionary  
26 Baptist Church Choir, recordings of the National Baptist  
27 Convention, U.S.A., Inc., and numerous choral concerts across  
28 the nation and throughout Europe; and

29 WHEREAS, She currently holds the titles of Minister of  
30 Music Emeritus at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and  
31 Music Advisor for the mass choirs of First Church of

1 Deliverance; she also serves as a musical consultant for church  
2 choirs and music groups throughout the Chicagoland area; in May  
3 of 2000, she received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane  
4 Letters from Arkansas Baptist College; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we congratulate Dr. LouDella Evans Reid on the occasion of her  
8 75th birthday celebration; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Dr. Reid as an expression of our respect and  
11 esteem and with best wishes for many more happy years.