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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Pastor Nathaniel L.  
4 Edmond and First Lady Christine Edmond on the occasion of their  
5 15th anniversary with Second Baptist Church of Elgin; and

6           WHEREAS, Pastor Edmond was installed as pastor of Second  
7 Baptist Church of Elgin on February 20, 2000; and

8           WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Pastor Edmond, Second  
9 Baptist Church of Elgin has experienced tremendous growth;  
10 numerous ministries have been started, including the Young  
11 Adult Ministry, the Public Relations Ministry, the Prison  
12 Ministry, the Bus Ministry, the Information Technology  
13 Ministry, The Empowerment Ministry, the League of Military  
14 Veterans Ministry, and a street ministry entitled "Operation  
15 Joshua"; a second Sunday service and a mid-week service have  
16 been added; and

17           WHEREAS, Pastor Edmund led the church in celebration of the  
18 140th anniversary of its founding in July of 2006; in March of  
19 2008, the church received the Community Improvement Program  
20 Renovation Award from The Elgin Courier and the Elgin Area  
21 Chamber of Commerce; and

1           WHEREAS, Pastor Edmond and First Lady Edmond joined the  
2 Illinois Commission on Diversity and Human Relations on a trip  
3 to Israel as "Peace Ambassadors", spending 8 days visiting  
4 historically significant and sacred sites; in October of 2006,  
5 they traveled to Africa as part of World Vision International  
6 to witness firsthand the effects AIDS/HIV has had on countries  
7 in that region; and

8           WHEREAS, Pastor Edmond was named to Sherman Hospital's  
9 Board of Directors, the first African-American with voting  
10 privileges, in August of 2007; he received an Honorary  
11 Doctorate of Sacred Theology from Judson University in December  
12 of 2010; and

13           WHEREAS, A celebration in honor of the Edmunds will be held  
14 on February 1, 2015; therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
17 congratulate Pastor Nathaniel L. Edmond and First Lady  
18 Christine Edmond on their 15th anniversary with Second Baptist  
19 Church of Elgin and wish them many more years of success; and  
20 be it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the Edmonds as an expression of our esteem and

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