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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Rev. Dr. Reginald J.  
4 Saffo, Ph.D. of Bellwood on the occasion of his 20th  
5 anniversary as pastor of Missionary Baptist Church in Maywood;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Reginald Saffo is a native of Ohio; he  
8 later moved to the western suburbs of Chicago; and

9           WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Reginald Saffo served his country with  
10 distinction as a member of the United States Air Force; and

11           WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Reginald Saffo earned an Associate's  
12 Degree in Arts with Honors and a Baccalaureate of Arts Degree  
13 from Aspen Christian College; he later earned a Baccalaureate  
14 of Arts Degree from Governors State University and a Master of  
15 Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Ministry from Aspen  
16 Christian Seminary; he also has completed specialized  
17 certification studies with the Evangelical Teacher Training  
18 Association, the Billy Graham School of Evangelism, and the  
19 Stephen Oxford Center for Biblical Preaching; and

20           WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Reginald Saffo worked in transportation  
21 management with the BNSF Railway Company for several years; for

1 the past 20 years, he has served as Pastor of the United Faith  
2 Missionary Baptist Church in Maywood, where he has tended to  
3 the needs of his congregation with integrity and dignity; and

4 WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Reginald Saffo has served as a faithful  
5 advocate for God's people, the communities where God's people  
6 live, and the quality of living that they gain; he has worked  
7 diligently for community betterment through his leadership,  
8 affiliation, and partnership with the Cook County President  
9 Toni Preckwinkle Transition Team, the Cook County Land Bank  
10 Board of Directors, the Bellwood Library Board, and the  
11 Executive Director Proviso Township Minister's Alliance  
12 Network; he has served as Executive Director of the Proviso  
13 Action Committee and Interfaith Illinois; he is a member of the  
14 Chicago Bar Association (Interfaith Committee) and the Chicago  
15 Neighborhood Initiative Advisory Board (Park National Bank);  
16 he is the founder of the Proviso Township Business Association,  
17 the founder and Chancellor of the United Faith Christian  
18 Institute and Bible College, and the Regional Director of Aspen  
19 Theological Seminary in Denver, Colorado; and

20 WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Reginald Saffo was a recipient of the  
21 NAACP Medal of Freedom Award; he is also the publisher of  
22 "Christian Formation Principles", a text guide in the  
23 structured study of the Bible; and

1           WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Reginald Saffo serves as a model of hard  
2 work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
3 Illinois; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 congratulate Rev. Dr. Reginald J. Saffo, Ph.D. of Bellwood on  
7 the occasion of his 20th anniversary as pastor of Missionary  
8 Baptist Church and wish him continued success and happiness in  
9 the future; and be it further

10           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Rev. Dr. Reginald Saffo as a symbol of our esteem  
12 and respect.