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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Paris Donehoo on the
4 occasion of his retirement as senior pastor of the First
5 Congregational Church of Elgin; and

6 WHEREAS, Paris Donehoo was born in Atlanta, Georgia on
7 August 14, 1952 and raised in the Georgia towns of Decatur and
8 Roswell; he attended Kennesaw College and was ordained by the
9 First Baptist Church of Roswell in December of 1973; he
10 received his Bachelor of Arts from Georgia Southern University
11 in 1974 with a major in history and a minor in journalism; he
12 graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in
13 1977 with a Master of Divinity; and

14 WHEREAS, Paris Donehoo served as pastor of the Sardis
15 Baptist Church from 1977 until 1980, and then as pastor of the
16 Lost Mountain Baptist Church until 1990; in 1988, he received a
17 Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary; from
18 1991 until 2000, he served as senior minister at Park Ridge
19 Community Church in Park Ridge; he briefly served as hospice
20 chaplain for the West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park and then
21 returned to the pastorate in 2002 as senior pastor of the First
22 Congregational Church of Elgin, where he served until his
23 retirement in 2018; for 11 years, he served as an adjunct

1 professor in the Doctor of Ministry in Preaching program at
2 Chicago Theological Seminary; and

3 WHEREAS, Paris Donehoo is the author of Prayer in the Life
4 of Jesus and numerous articles in various magazines and
5 journals such as Christian Ministry, The Other Side, Eternity,
6 and Christian Century; his upcoming book, Polarized:
7 Confronting the Collapse of Truth, Civility, and Community in
8 Divided Times, is due in the fall of 2018; and

9 WHEREAS, Paris Donehoo has two children from his first
10 marriage, Meg Pfister and Kathryn Kennon, and two stepchildren,
11 Rachel Georgakis and Matthew Holihan, with his current wife,
12 Penny; between them they have six grandchildren; therefore, be
13 it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate Paris Donehoo on his retirement as senior pastor
17 of the First Congregational Church of Elgin, and we wish him
18 the best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution presented
20 to Paris Donehoo as a symbol of our respect and esteem.