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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives would 3 like to congratulate the congregation of the Mulkeytown 4 Christian Church on the occasion of its bicentennial homecoming 5 on September 18, 2018; and 6 WHEREAS, Mulkeytown Christian Church is the oldest 7 Christian Church, Church of Christ in continuous existence in 8 the State of Illinois, having held continuous morning worship 9 services since its organization at the home of John and Sarah 10 Tinsley Kirkpatrick in 1818; and 11 WHEREAS, Around 1823, a meeting house was built on Four 12 Mile Prairie, two miles southeast of the current location of 13 Mulkeytown; the church was then known as "Four Mile Christian 14 Church"; and 15 WHEREAS, Mulkeytown was established as a trading post in 16 1835, and both the town and the church grew when several 17 families migrated north from Kentucky and Tennessee; and 18 WHEREAS, The church continued to grow, and the current building was constructed in 1881; and 19

WHEREAS, Mulkeytown Christian Church is the Mother of 11

- other congregations and currently has a membership of over 200;
- the church is pastored by Kurt Jensen, who is in his 16th year
- 3 of ministry; therefore, be it
- 4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 5 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 6 we congratulate the congregation of Mulkeytown Christian
- 7 Church on the occasion of its bicentennial homecoming, and we
- 8 commend the continued good work of the church within and beyond
- 9 the community of Mulkeytown; and be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 11 presented to Kurt Jensen and the congregation of Mulkeytown
- 12 Christian Church as an expression of our esteem and respect.