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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Bethany Baptist Church in Altona on November 23, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, The Bethany Baptist Church community is active and welcoming to all; it is dedicated to connecting with the community and serves the people of Altona with grace; and

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WHEREAS, The origin of the church began with a meeting inside the home of Mrs. Effie Thuline's on the 22nd of November 1969; 19 charter members were established; eager to begin preaching their sermon, the first official Sunday Service was delivered just one day later on November 23, 1969; without an official building dedicated as the church, the sermon was delivered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Theesfield; and

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WHEREAS, On the following Sunday, church officers were elected and began working diligently to construct an official church; Pastor John Carlson was called to be the first pastor of Bethany Baptist Church; the first service in the newly constructed Church was delivered in January 1970; and

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WHEREAS, The two families who started the church, the

1 Graves and Ekstedt families, are still active members in the
2 Bethany Baptist Church to this day; Bethany Baptist Church
3 continues to lovingly serve the community surrounding Altona
4 and faithfully teach the Gospel to all those who attend;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate the members, volunteers, and patrons of Bethany
9 Baptist Church on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and wish
10 them many more wonderful years; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the Bethany Baptist Church members as a symbol of
13 our esteem and respect.