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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Reverend Dr.  
4 Nathaniel L. Edmond on his retirement from Second Baptist  
5 Church in Elgin and commend him on his years of service to  
6 others; and

7           WHEREAS, Pastor Edmond received his bachelor's degree from  
8 Xavier University in Louisiana and is a graduate of the  
9 Executive Management Program of Cornell University in Ithaca,  
10 New York; he has extensive training in theology, religion, and  
11 philosophy and has completed the Young Pastoral Training  
12 Classes at the National Baptist Sunday School Congress; he is a  
13 certified family counselor with experience in family,  
14 marriage, and teen counseling; and

15           WHEREAS, Pastor Edmond was licensed into the Gospel  
16 Ministry at the Lincoln Heights Baptist Church in Cincinnati,  
17 Ohio on May 2, 1993; he joined Second Baptist Church in  
18 November of 1993 and was ordained in the ministry on April 30,  
19 1995; he was installed as Pastor of Second Baptist Church on  
20 February 20, 2000; and

21           WHEREAS, Under Pastor Edmond, the Second Baptist Church has  
22 experienced tremendous growth numerically, financially, and,

1 most importantly, spiritually; new programs under Pastor  
2 Edmond include the "Wonderful Wednesday" midweek service, a  
3 young adult ministry, a public relations ministry, a prison  
4 ministry including a 12 step drug program, a bus ministry, an  
5 Evangelism ministry, a Theater Arts ministry, and a Kinship  
6 Care Educational Symposium; and

7 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Pastor Edmond, the Second  
8 Baptist Church began a partnership with Sheridan Elementary  
9 School in 2006; this partnership involves 24 trained church  
10 volunteers who serve as mentors and tutors to 45 students  
11 identified as at-risk; in 2007, the Sheridan School Partnership  
12 was expanded to include Larsen Middle School and was renamed  
13 the SBC School Partnerships; and

14 WHEREAS, Due in part to Pastor Edmond's popularity, a  
15 second Sunday morning worship began in June, 2002 to  
16 accommodate the growing membership; in 2006, the church added a  
17 multi-purpose and educational center to their facility; and

18 WHEREAS, Pastor Edmond's leadership endeavors include  
19 serving as an Associate Minister of Second Baptist Church for  
20 more than six years, as an assistant Sunday School  
21 superintendent, as a spiritual advisor to several church  
22 organizations, as president of the Junior Ushers Board, and as  
23 coach for the church's sports teams; he has also designed and

1 led many religious workshops; and

2 WHEREAS, Pastor Edmond has held numerous leadership  
3 positions within community organizations, including National  
4 Alumni President of Xavier University of Louisiana and serving  
5 on the Board of Governors' at Xavier University, the Board of  
6 Trustees at Judson University, the Board of Directors of the  
7 United Way of Elgin, the Board of Directors of the National  
8 Association for Sickle Cell Disease, the Hospital and Advocate  
9 Healthcare Corporate Board, and the Board of Directors of the  
10 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, as well as serving as Basileus; and

11 WHEREAS, As a member of the Board of Directors at Sherman  
12 Hospital, Pastor Edmond helped oversee the construction and  
13 completion of a 255 bed "Green" hospital with a 15-acre  
14 geothermal lake; this lake is expected to save the hospital \$1  
15 million annually in heating and cooling costs; and

16 WHEREAS, Pastor Edmond has been a member of the Enhancing  
17 Elgin Committee, the Elgin Chamber, the Implementation Review  
18 Committee, the Finance Review Committee for the U-46 School  
19 District, the NAACP of Greater Elgin, the African American  
20 Christian Minister's Alliance of Elgin, the Golf Course  
21 Planning Committee of the City of Elgin, and the United Way of  
22 Elgin; and

1           WHEREAS, Pastor Edmond has been the recipient of numerous  
2 awards, including the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian  
3 Award for the City of Elgin, the distinguished Volunteer Award  
4 for the U-46 School District, the Quad County Urban League  
5 Outstanding Religious Leader Award, the Alpha Kappa Alpha  
6 Community Impact Award for Leadership, the Paul Harris Fellow  
7 Award from the Rotary Club of Elgin, the Partner in Peace Award  
8 from the Community Crisis Center for Domestic Violence, the  
9 Boys and Girls Club of Elgin Distinguished Citizen Award, the  
10 Golden Eagle Award from Judson University, and the Lasting  
11 Impact Award from the Black Student Association of Elgin  
12 Community College District 509; and

13           WHEREAS, On December 11, 2010, Judson University of Elgin  
14 bestowed an Honorary Doctorate of Sacred Theology on Pastor  
15 Edmond; and

16           WHEREAS, Currently, Pastor Edmond serves as a spiritual  
17 advisor to U.S. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi; since 2017,  
18 Pastor Edmond has served as the chairman of the Mission and  
19 Spiritual Care Committee of Advocate Healthcare Corporation;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, Pastor Edmond is married to Christine Dargin  
22 Edmond, and they are the proud parents of two daughters,  
23 Natonya (Jerry) McClay and Adrienne (Collies) Anderson; they

1 are the equally proud grandparents of Colin Tierre, Kayli  
2 Simone, Layla Jordyn, Christiana Chantel, and Ceana Christin;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Pastor Edmond has stated that his greatest  
5 privilege and pleasure in life is serving others; therefore, be  
6 it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we congratulate the Reverend Dr. Nathaniel L. Edmond on his  
10 retirement from Second Baptist Church of Elgin, and we wish him  
11 all the best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Pastor Edmond as an expression of our respect and  
14 esteem.