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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Farmingdale Presbyterian Church, located in Pleasant Plains, on the occasion of its 190th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, Farmingdale Presbyterian Church was founded in 1834, with its origins beginning near Potsdam, New York on August 20, 1833; at that time, 52 people uprooted their lives to travel by wagon to Sangamon County, Illinois, arriving in October 1833; a majority of the company settled temporarily in Old Sangamo Town, a town a few miles northwest of Springfield, before relocating west near Prairie Creek in the spring of 1834, and the settlers consented to organizing a Presbyterian church; and

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WHEREAS, Farmingdale Presbyterian Church's first structure was built in the foreground of the cemetery on land given by Luther A. Ransom; the church was then known as Farmington Church, later gaining its current name around 1905; and

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WHEREAS, Farmingdale Presbyterian Church's second structure was erected approximately a half mile west of the cemetery in 1859, which served the church congregation until construction of its current building began in 1980; and

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1 WHEREAS, Today, Farmingdale Presbyterian Church's
2 congregation is able to pursue a number of church activities,
3 including worship services, Sunday school, Vacation Bible
4 School, youth activities, and a women's association, and the
5 church also continues to maintain a strong emphasis on mission
6 work; and

7 WHEREAS, For the past 190 years, Farmingdale Presbyterian
8 Church has served as a celebration of its congregation's faith
9 in a rural setting while establishing itself as a community
10 leader and a spiritual resource; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Farmingdale Presbyterian Church on its 190th
14 anniversary; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Farmingdale Presbyterian Church as an expression
17 of our esteem and respect.