

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives are
3 pleased to honor milestone events in the lives of citizens of
4 Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor John Gioia has faithfully served as
6 pastor of the Riverton First Baptist Church since September
7 28, 1992; and

8 WHEREAS, Pastor John Gioia has demonstrated his many
9 talents over the years as pastor, preacher, teacher,
10 musician, humorist, construction worker, shepherd, father,
11 and friend; and

12 WHEREAS, Pastor John Gioia has faithfully baptized more
13 than 100 people and has caused the Riverton First Baptist
14 Church congregation to grow from a mere handful to hundreds
15 of members; and

16 WHEREAS, Pastor John Gioia successfully led the
17 congregation through a building project, completing a new
18 building, and embarking on the construction of a building
19 addition to provide further space; and

20 WHEREAS, Pastor John Gioia and his family have been
21 called to continue service to the denomination at Foothills
22 Baptist Church in Gold Canyon, Arizona, following the morning
23 service on Sunday, October 26, 2003; and

24 WHEREAS, Pastor John Gioia and his wife, Beth, are truly
25 God's servants and a gift sent to bless the Riverton First
26 Baptist Church during the period of September 28, 1992 to
27 October 26, 2003, and they and their family are loved more
28 than words could ever express; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
30 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate Pastor John Gioia for his service at Riverton
2 First Baptist Church, wishing him and his family well as they
3 move to serve another church, and we declare October 26,
4 2003, as Pastor John Gioia Appreciation Day at Riverton First
5 Baptist Church; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Pastor John Gioia as an expression of our
8 esteem.