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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

- 2 WHEREAS, Grace Church of Mahomet is celebrating its 50th
- 3 anniversary of ministry to the community; and
- WHEREAS, Grace Church of Mahomet, formerly known as Grace
 Baptist Church, began in 1954 as the Grace Bible Church and
 soon became affiliated with the Conservative Baptist
 Association; and
- 8 WHEREAS, After settling in property on Washington Street in 9 1955, the congregation acquired property at 800 West Oak Street; a gymnasium/activities center was constructed and 10 11 completed in 1981 while the congregation continued to meet at the Washington Street church; in 1986, the Washington Street 12 13 property was sold and the church moved its services into the 14 gymnasium at its present location at 800 West Oak Street; the current worship center was completed in 1992 and a west wing 15 was completed in early 1999; a new children's ministry/youth 16 17 wing opened in June 2004, along with a new daughter church,
- 19 WHEREAS, Beginning with just a handful of people and one 20 pastor, Grace has blossomed into a church of over 900 regular 21 attenders, two services, contemporary worship, relevant and 22 practical teaching, seven full-time ministry staff, and 23 multi-faceted children's, student, adult, and worship arts 24 ministries; and

Crossroads, in the City of Monticello; and

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- 25 WHEREAS, Grace Church of Mahomet contributes to both the 26 spiritual growth of its members and the social needs of the 27 community; it generously makes its facilities available to a 28 number of groups and organizations; therefore, be it
- 29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 30 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

- 1 congratulate Grace Church of Mahomet on the occasion its 50th
- 2 anniversary and we recognize its outstanding contributions to
- 3 the community; and be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 5 presented to Senior Pastor Gary Sinclair with our best wishes.