



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Current members and guests gathered in fun and  
3 fellowship on January 29, 2005, to celebrate the 150th  
4 anniversary of Rockton United Methodist Church; all came to  
5 relive the past and honor the present; and

6 WHEREAS, In January of 1855, the church first opened its  
7 doors to a new congregation; and

8 WHEREAS, Charter members who founded the church were  
9 honored in memory, and past and present programs, picnics,  
10 trips, skits, and assisting others in need were all part of the  
11 history that was relived during the anniversary celebration;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, During the evening skits, the actors donned  
14 vintage clothing to make the past come to life; the narrators  
15 ended the evening's history lesson by sharing the interesting  
16 fact that the church was built at the same time that Madison  
17 became a city, before the time of streets and houses; and

18 WHEREAS, The celebration ended with the singing of  
19 traditional favorite hymns; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we heartily congratulate the members of Rockton United  
23 Methodist Church on the occasion of their 150th anniversary  
24 celebration and extend our best wishes for the church's  
25 continued growth and service to the community; and be it  
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
28 presented to Rockton United Methodist Church as an expression  
29 of our esteem.