



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Rev. Mack Rossie Lemons of East St. Louis  
3 celebrates his golden anniversary and retirement on April 10,  
4 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Rev. Lemons is seventy-eight years old, has  
6 preached for 69 years, and has served as Pastor of Pilgrim  
7 Missionary Baptist Church for 50 years; and

8 WHEREAS, On April 4, 1927, Mack Rossie was born to Dewitt  
9 and Azzie Lemons; on April 2, 1936, when he was 9 years old, he  
10 accepted his call into the ministry; he pastored and built his  
11 first church at the age of 16; and

12 WHEREAS, On March 23, 1955, Rev. Lemons became  
13 Under-Shepherd and Teacher for Pilgrim Missionary Baptist  
14 Church in East St. Louis; and

15 WHEREAS, Rev. Lemons is not only a pastor but a servant in  
16 his community; he has helped to facilitate the welfare of  
17 residents, excellent business and employment opportunities,  
18 and quality education in East St. Louis Public Schools where he  
19 taught and administered a Chapter 2 Program; he was  
20 instrumental in acquiring civil rights for all people; he also  
21 served as moderator, president, and teacher for New Salem  
22 District Association, an association of over 40 area churches;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Rev. Lemons is a great encourager, loves people,  
25 and accumulates children wherever he walks, no matter what race  
26 or color; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
28 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
29 we congratulate Rev. Lemons on the occasion of his 50th

1 anniversary as Pastor of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in  
2 East St. Louis, we thank him for his service to the community,  
3 and we wish him all the best in his retirement; and be it  
4 further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to Rev. Lemons as an expression of our admiration and  
7 esteem.