



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in
3 Ferrin celebrated the church's 100th anniversary on June 12,
4 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, The church was founded 100 years ago, when 18 of
6 the northern members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoffman
7 decided to form a church that would be closer and not require
8 as much travel to attend; throughout the last 100 years, the
9 church has grown to 300 members; and

10 WHEREAS, The original church was dedicated on September 17,
11 1905; in November of 1906, the church was struck by lightening;
12 the current facility was built in 1924 and was most recently
13 renovated in 2003; the pastor of the church is Reverend Ryan
14 Willis; and

15 WHEREAS, A special worship service, noon meal, and
16 afternoon program were held in honor of the anniversary; during
17 the afternoon program, the Reverend Kenneth R. Klaus was the
18 main speaker; he serves as the featured speaker on Lutheran
19 House ministries' flagship gospel radio program "The Lutheran
20 Hour", which airs on more than 800 stations and is the world's
21 oldest continually broadcast gospel program, airing since
22 1930; and

23 WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Patrick Ferry was the guest
24 speaker at the worship service; he is the eighth president of
25 Concordia University in Wisconsin; music was provided by Soli
26 Deo Gloria (SDG) from Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia, and
27 Donna Swetlisnoff of Litchfield was the guest organist during
28 the service; therefore, be it

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

1 we congratulate Bethlehem Lutheran Church on the occasion of
2 its 100th anniversary, and we thank the church for its many
3 years of service; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Bethlehem Lutheran Church as an expression of our
6 respect and esteem.