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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the congregation
4 of the West Village Christian Church on the occasion of the
5 church's 150th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, The West Village Christian Church was originally
7 known as Village and consisted of a few members who met in a
8 log meeting house; the name was later changed to West Village
9 when another meeting house was built farther east; in 1858,
10 after about 10 years of meeting in the log meeting house, B.P.
11 Reid and his wife, Hannah (Willis) started a school on Sundays
12 for the purpose of studying the Holy Scriptures; after starting
13 a "formal meeting", the charter members constructed a new frame
14 meeting house erected where the site of the present church is
15 located; and

16 WHEREAS, By the winter of 1874, the West Village Christian
17 Church had grown to 76 members and had two ministers working to
18 preach alternate Sundays for about \$60 a year each; a full-time
19 preacher in the year 1877, Brother Applegath, earned a salary
20 of \$95 a year; several preachers filled the pulpit between the
21 early 1880s and the early 1930s, a time period that saw the
22 church's membership rise to 296 members; and

1 WHEREAS, On June 18, 1933, the West Village Christian
2 Church celebrated its 75th anniversary on the church lawn with
3 an all-day meeting and picnic dinner; by 1938, the church's
4 active membership was counted at 235; and

5 WHEREAS, On April 15, 1972, Brother Maynard Moser was hired
6 to serve as West Village Christian Church's new minister at
7 \$145 a week; and

8 WHEREAS, In the summer of 2003, Derek Facculyn-Gous became
9 the newest minister of West Village Christian Church, where he
10 still serves the church today with his wife, Tressie; and

11 WHEREAS, Today, the West Village Christian Church seeks to
12 be a witness for Christ in the community and uses the phrase
13 "Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve" as a motto in their daily
14 lives; and

15 WHEREAS, The West Village Christian Church serves as a
16 model of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people of
17 the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 congratulate the congregation of the West Village Christian
21 Church on the occasion of the church's 150th anniversary and

1 wish them continued success and happiness in the future; and be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the minister of West Village Christian Church,
5 Derek Facculyn-Gous, as a symbol of our esteem and respect.