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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, On September 19, 2008, Bishop Henry Phillips, Jr.,  
3           the President of the Ecclesia Covenant Fellowship  
4           International (E.C.F.I.), where he serves as an Apostolic  
5           Covering for churches in the United States and Africa, was  
6           consecrated to the office of Bishop by the Almighty God through  
7           Archbishop Lawrence Langston and the Trans-Atlantic and  
8           Pacific Alliances of Churches of England; and

9           WHEREAS, Bishop Henry Phillips, Jr. is a native of East St.  
10          Louis; he is the second child of Pastor Henry and Mrs. Mae  
11          Belle Phillips; and

12          WHEREAS, At the young age of 10, Bishop Henry Phillips, Jr.  
13          accepted God as his Lord and Savior; as a young man, he served  
14          as a faithful worker within his local church and held several  
15          leadership positions, including usher, choir director, adult  
16          Sunday school teacher, Youth Ministry Coordinator in the  
17          District Y.P.W.W., and State Minister of Music for the Illinois  
18          S.E. Jurisdiction of the Churches of God in Christ; and

19          WHEREAS, Bishop Henry Phillips, Jr. studied theology at the  
20          Christian Life School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia and  
21          continued his ministry studies at the St. Louis Bible College  
22          in St. Louis, Missouri; he then received his Doctorate of

1 Religious Philosophy at the Tabernacle Bible College and  
2 Seminary in Tampa, Florida; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1994, Bishop Henry Phillips, Jr. founded and  
4 began the Pastorate of Power of Change Ministries; he presently  
5 has reached a congregation of over 1,200 members, including the  
6 Power of Change Christian Center's second location in Mount  
7 Vernon; the ministry has stepped beyond the walls of the church  
8 by purchasing a recreation center that will support the needs  
9 of the community; and

10 WHEREAS, Bishop Henry Phillips, Jr. is a member of the  
11 Joint Colleges of African American Pentecostal Bishops; he  
12 serves as the Police Commissioner of Cahokia; he also serves as  
13 a member of the Illinois State Treasurer Advisory Board; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to his numerous civic duties, Bishop  
15 Henry Phillips, Jr. has a number of certifications in Christian  
16 counseling, marital and human behavioral counseling, church  
17 growth, and leadership development; he is currently working on  
18 his first book; and

19 WHEREAS, Bishop Henry Phillips, Jr. is married to Dr.  
20 Patricia Phillips; together, they have three sons, Rickey,  
21 Demetric, and Corey; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3           honor Bishop Henry Phillips, Jr. on the occasion of becoming  
4           consecrated to the office of Bishop and wish him luck in his  
5           future endeavors; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7           presented to Bishop Henry Phillips, Jr. as a symbol of our  
8           respect and esteem.