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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Pastor Jonathan
4 Byrd for being nominated to receive the 2010 Volunteer of the
5 Year Award from the Illinois Department of Corrections; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Byrd serves as the leader of a team of
7 dynamic ministers at the Dwight Correctional Center; he and his
8 team also volunteer at the East Moline, Stateville, and Hill
9 Correctional Centers; and

10 WHEREAS, Pastor Byrd is well known by his peers for his
11 intense style, humorous nature, and great honesty; and

12 WHEREAS, Pastor Byrd was the founder of the Mighty X Men
13 and Women Ministries in Rockford, a program that helps over 200
14 ex-offenders re-enter the community as productive citizens
15 each year; he conducts monthly chapel services and in-depth
16 workshops on biblical leadership at the Dwight Correctional
17 Center, utilizing the same curriculum he uses at workshops
18 around the world to educate the inmates at Dwight; he has
19 assisted with Dwight's Christmas Programs and has contributed
20 to the closet dress out program; he has also donated a great
21 amount of time to the Daughters of Destiny Chaplaincy Mentoring
22 Program to provide contacts, mentors, and resources to women

1 that return to the Rockford area; and

2 WHEREAS, Pastor Byrd serves as a model of hard work,
3 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
4 Illinois; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate Pastor Jonathan Byrd for being nominated to
8 receive the 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Illinois
9 Department of Corrections and wish him continued success and
10 happiness in the future; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Pastor Jonathan Byrd as a symbol of our esteem and
13 respect.