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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Herbert L.
4 Johnson, Jr. on the occasion of his 5 years of dedicated
5 service as Pastor of Liberty Baptist Church; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Herbert Johnson, Jr. earned his
7 associate's degree in business administration and his bachelor
8 degree with a concentration in management from Robert Morris
9 College; he subsequently earned his Masters of Divinity degree
10 from the McCormick Theological Seminary of the Associated
11 Theological Schools; and

12 WHEREAS, Pastor Herbert Johnson, Jr. is the proud pastor of
13 Liberty Baptist Church; following his motto, "A Church for the
14 Community", he has created the ministry priorities of Worship
15 God, Empowering People and Serving the Community; he has
16 promoted the belief that "equipping" is one of the primary ways
17 to help people develop their spiritual gift and encourage their
18 involvement in ministry and social justice and, in turn,
19 mobilize these same people to "equip" others; he also believes
20 that academic preparation will assist others to expand and
21 fulfill their spiritual call and vision; and

22 WHEREAS, Pastor Herbert L. Johnson, Jr. serves as CEO and

1 President of Freedom West Development Corporation, a 501(c)(3)
2 non-profit organization that gives back-to-school supplies to
3 over 1,200 youth; under his leadership, Liberty Baptist Church
4 has also served 1,000 people with toys, food baskets, and
5 community outreach picnics; and

6 WHEREAS, Pastor Herbert Johnson, Jr. is a member of the
7 National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., the Baptist General
8 State Convention of Illinois, the Southern Baptist Convention,
9 the Illinois Baptist Association, and the Rockford and Vicinity
10 District Association; he is a board member of the North Central
11 Baptist Association; he also serves his community through
12 numerous leadership positions, including the Input Committee
13 of the District 205 Rockford Public Schools, Vice Chairman of
14 the Rockford Mass Transit District, and President of the
15 Rockford Minister's Fellowship; and

16 WHEREAS, Pastor Herbert Johnson, Jr. will celebrate his 5th
17 anniversary as Pastor of Liberty Baptist Church with a
18 celebration in his honor on March 18, 2012; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate Herbert L. Johnson, Jr. on the occasion of his
22 5 years of dedicated service as Pastor of Liberty Baptist
23 Church and wish him continued success and happiness in the

1 future; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Pastor Herbert Johnson, Jr. as a symbol of our
4 esteem and respect.