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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the New Life in
4 Christ Interdenominational Church on the occasion of the 10th
5 anniversary of its founding; and

6 WHEREAS, The beginnings of the church took place in August
7 2000 when Bishop Geoffrey V. Dudley, Sr. was assigned to Scott
8 Air Force Base near Belleville; although originally planning on
9 returning home to the State of Virginia when his assignment was
10 finished, by January 2001 he found himself planning a ministry
11 to serve the O'Fallon area; and

12 WHEREAS, In September 2001, plans began to take shape for
13 the church and it started to acquire the necessary finances to
14 support it; in January 2002, the founding Core Group had
15 established a Business Planning Committee; in August 2002,
16 office space in O'Fallon was leased, and in November of that
17 year, land was purchased to serve as the church's future home;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, On April 20, 2003, the New Life in Christ
20 Interdenominational Church held its first service at the Four
21 Points Sheraton Hotel in Fairview Heights with an initial
22 congregation of 812 people; by January 2004, there was a

1 congregation of over 1,000, and a ground-breaking ceremony was
2 held on April 9, 2004 to begin construction on a new church
3 building; and

4 WHEREAS, The first service of the New Life in Christ
5 Interdenominational Church at its new home on Scott-Troy Road
6 was held on June 25, 2005; the current building is a 30,000
7 square feet facility, with a 450-seat sanctuary, a gym,
8 Christian education classrooms, administrative offices, and a
9 child care center; the church currently has a congregation of
10 over 2,500, and continues to expand, with The Charles and Deane
11 Rayford Family Development Center (youth building) opening in
12 October 2010; and

13 WHEREAS, Senior Pastor Dudley was consecrated as a Bishop
14 in October 2009; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate the New Life in Christ Interdenominational
18 Church on its 10th anniversary and wish them many more
19 successful years; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the New Life in Christ Interdenominational Church
22 as an expression of our esteem and respect.