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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Bishop Horace E. Smith, M.D. on the occasion of his 35th anniversary with Apostolic Faith Church; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Smith was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago; he graduated from Lindblom High School and received his Bachelor of Science from Chicago State University in 1971 and his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Illinois Medical Center in 1975; he completed his Pediatric Residency with the University of Illinois Hospital in 1978 and his Clinical Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology with the Children's Memorial Hospital at Northwestern University in 1980; and

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WHEREAS, On March 28, 1980, Bishop Smith became Pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church; under his leadership, the congregation has grown from 200 members to 7,000; each year his ministry provides assistance by way of food and supplies to over 4,000 homeless families around the Chicago area, a scholarship program that grants more than \$100,000 each year, visitations to nursing homes, outreach to correctional facilities, and a JobSource program, which to date has assisted more than 1,000 individuals in obtaining employment; and

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1 WHEREAS, In August of 2004, Bishop Smith was elevated to
2 the office of Presiding Bishop of the Pentecostal Assemblies of
3 the World, Inc.; the P.A.W. has over 1.5 million members
4 worldwide, including in Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia, and
5 New Zealand; his humanitarian endeavors reach beyond the shores
6 of the United States to support missions in all parts of Africa
7 through his partnership with World Vision USA, where he serves
8 as a board member; under his leadership, Apostolic Faith Church
9 provides resources for the drilling of wells and they provide
10 food, clothing, education, medical assistance, and other goods
11 and services; over 2,000 children have been sponsored by the
12 church through World Vision USA; and

13 WHEREAS, Bishop Smith has served as Director of the
14 Comprehensive Sickle Cell/Thalassemia Program at Children's
15 Memorial Hospital for over 20 years; he is an Assistant
16 Professor of Pediatrics at the Northwestern Feinberg School of
17 Medicine and is recognized world-wide as an outstanding
18 pediatrician; he has been honored by numerous organizations,
19 including the Children's Miracle Network, and has been featured
20 in local and national newspapers, magazines, and on television;
21 he currently serves on the boards of the historic Wabash YMCA,
22 the Family Institute at Northwestern University, and the
23 University of Chicago Cancer Research Center-Community Health
24 Advisory Board; and

1 WHEREAS, Bishop Smith has been happily married to Susan
2 (nee Davenport) since 1976; they have 3 daughters, Lauren
3 (Brian) Elrod, Rachel (Courtney) Horton, and Emily (Patrick)
4 Green and 4 grandchildren; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate Bishop Horace E. Smith, M.D. on his 35th
8 anniversary with Apostolic Faith Church and wish him many more
9 wonderful years; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Bishop Smith as an expression of our esteem and
12 respect.