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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the Canaan A.M.W. Church in Maywood on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its founding; and

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WHEREAS, On March 20, 1905, the Canaan A.M.E. Mission Church was organized in Oak Park under the leadership of Rev. Thomas Pain Devlin; the first chartered members were Brother and Sister Shannon; Sister Heady and Brother James Devlin; Brother Tom Hensely; Sister Fannie Lee; Sister Genevieve and Brother Winford Wilson; Sister Janie Wilson; Sister Colvin; Sister Mary Wilson Dobbs; and Sister Fannie Stuart; and

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WHEREAS, In 1910, the A.M.E. Mission church was organized in Maywood under the leadership of Rev. Thomas Lovett; the first chartered members were Sister Elizabeth and Brother William Priestly; Sister Maude Priestly Stump; Sister Mary Sheridan; Brother A.L. Rayford; Sister Fannie D. Stuart; Sister Florence May and Brother Joseph Logan; and Sister Fannie Lee; and

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WHEREAS, The 2 churches consolidated their respective congregations in 1914 and chose the name Canaan A.M.E. Church; and

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1 WHEREAS, The first choir was organized in 1912 and the
2 first parsonage was built in 1923; the sanctuary was erected in
3 1925; and

4 WHEREAS, The church expanded numerous times throughout the
5 years due to significant increases in membership; and

6 WHEREAS, Other pastors to serve the church throughout the
7 years were Rev. James Woods, Rev. W.B. Lowery, Rev. W.H.
8 Thomasson, Rev. T.J. Merritt, Rev. D.H. Byrd, Rev. G.I. Holt,
9 Rev. W.B. Barber, Rev. S.E. Malone, Rev. S.B. Washington, Rev.
10 J.C. Brewer, Rev. Maurice Higginbothan, Rev. J.W. James, Rev.
11 Granville Reed, Rev. J. Edward Foster, Rev. W.N. Reed, Rev.
12 Charles I. Spivey, Rev. Fred D. Ford, Rev. Blaine Ramsey, Rev.
13 Isaac Kindred, and Rev. Robert L. Bailey; and

14 WHEREAS, The current pastor, Rev. C. Calvin Rice, joined
15 the church in time to see it through its 100th anniversary and
16 into the future; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 recognize the 100th anniversary of the Canaan A.M.W. Church,
20 and we wish it many more successful years; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Canaan A.M.W. Church as an expression of our
3 esteem and respect.