

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are proud to congratulate 1st Christian
4 Church in Clinton on the celebration of its 150th anniversary
5 on June 9, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, 1st Christian Church was established in 1852 and
7 currently has 1593 members; a new sanctuary and classroom
8 were added and completed in 1997 with plans to start a 4th
9 addition to the church in 2003; and

10 WHEREAS, 1st Christian Church has 2 services every Sunday
11 with 4 ministers on staff, including the Youth Minister,
12 Scott DeWitt; the Children's Minister, Ernie Harvey; The
13 Associate Pastor, Ralf Swarthout; and the Senior Minister for
14 18 years, J. Kent Hickerson; and

15 WHEREAS, 1st Christian Church is very active in community
16 outreach, supporting such programs as Habitat for Humanity,
17 the Young at Heart Program on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday which
18 includes church members and people from other denominations,
19 Outreach programs for children from October through April,
20 and Mission work that raised \$126,000 to missions in the U.S.
21 and foreign countries; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 we congratulate 1st Christian Church in Clinton on the
25 celebration of its 150th anniversary and wish it all the best
26 in the future; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
28 presented to J. Kent Hickerson, Senior Minister of 1st
29 Christian Church, as an expression of our esteem.