

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United Faith Missionary Baptist Church of
3 Winnebago County, Illinois was chartered on February 15,
4 1978, by the Reverend Willie L. Scott along with
5 approximately 200 members; and

6 WHEREAS, The first service at United Faith Missionary
7 Baptist Church was held on February 19, 1978, at 2717 West
8 State Street; and

9 WHEREAS, In March 24, 1978, the United Faith Missionary
10 Baptist Church was officially organized by Dr. J.B. Felker,
11 Jr., moderator of the Greater Era Baptist District
12 Association; Reverend Willie L. Scott was retained as pastor
13 by unanimous vote, with 249 members; under his leadership
14 United Faith moved to 111 Royal Avenue; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1982, Reverend Scott left and Reverend Eugene
16 Hardin was elected as pastor; under his leadership United
17 Faith moved from 111 Royal Avenue to 4426 Virginia Avenue;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, In 1988, Reverend Reginald Haywood was elected
20 as pastor of the United Faith Missionary Baptist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, On November 24, 1989, God saw fit to bless
22 United Faith with another leader, the Reverend John N.
23 Coleman; under his leadership the church continued to grow
24 and move forward and several changes and improvements were
25 made in and around the church; Reverend Coleman fought a good
26 fight, but his health failed and God called him home on
27 February 1, 2000; although United Faith hearts were heavy
28 with their loss, they continued to keep the faith and prayed
29 for God to send them a leader to complete their vision; and

30 WHEREAS, On December 17, 2000, United Faith prayers were
31 answered with the arrival of its new leader, the Reverend Dr.

1 L.D. Tate; and

2 WHEREAS, The United Faith Missionary Baptist Church has
3 continued its mission of winning souls and educating
4 Christians for the past twenty-four years; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-
6 SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 declare February 10, 2002 as "United Faith Missionary Baptist
8 Church Day" in honor of 24 years of dedication and service to
9 the residents of Winnebago County; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the Reverend Dr. L.D. Tate as an expression of
12 our esteem.