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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Smith V*

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor and acknowledge Rev. Thomas P. Johnson for his 36 years of dedicated service to the Galilee Baptist Church and the Greater Gary Community.

Whereas, Rev. Thomas P. Johnson was called to Galilee Baptist Church from the First Baptist Church, Eldorado, Arkansas in 1963;

Whereas, Rev. Johnson is a native of the State of Arkansas, and educated in the public schools of Arkansas and earned a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Theology, and Doctor of Divinity Degree from Arkansas Baptist College. In addition to having pursued further studies at Virginia Union College.

Whereas, Rev. Johnson upon his arrival at Galilee,



immediately endeared himself to the flock by immediately taking on the enormous tasks of rebuilding, revitalizing, and rehabilitating the congregation. He began by initiating church beautification programs, launching programs of spiritual renewal and Christian education. He soon become known as Pastor Johnson.

Whereas, An integral part of Pastor Johnson's ministry has been "oneness and love," it has contributed to the adoption of Galilee's motto: "To make Galilee one is a task that must be done."

Whereas, Pastor Johnson in his 36 years of service to Galilee has participated in many church and community programs the following standout: organization of a Senior Citizen's Group; expansion of the Youth Department; implementation in 1996 of the Bible Study and Training School; organization of the music department; and serving as President of the Baptist Minister's Conference of Gary and Vicinity.

Whereas, Pastor Johnson has for 56 years been blessed with the support of his devoted wife, Mabel Lee Johnson. The rest of the Pastor Johnson's family includes: daughter, Mabel Pauline Mayfield, granddaughter, Austyn Elise and son-in-law, John Mayfield.

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to acknowledge and honor Rev. Thomas P. Johnson for his 36 years of service to the Galilee Baptist Church and the Greater Gary Community.  
SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Pastor Rev. T.P. Johnson.

