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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Brother Konrad Diebold, FSC, was born in
3 Minneapolis to Laura and Joseph Diebold on June 22, 1937; and

4 WHEREAS, Brother Konrad joined the Brothers of the
5 Christian Schools in 1957 at the age of 20; and

6 WHEREAS, Brother Konrad received his Bachelor of Arts in
7 1961 and his master's degree in Education in 1966 from St.
8 Mary's University of Minnesota; and

9 WHEREAS, Brother Konrad also took graduate courses at
10 Loyola University, DePaul University, and Northwestern
11 University in addition to studying at the Université de
12 Montréal, L'Alliance Française in Paris and the Lasallian
13 Institute Center in Rome; and

14 WHEREAS, Brother Konrad began teaching at St. Patrick High
15 School on Chicago's northwest side in 1961 and transferred to
16 St. Paul High School on the south side in 1966, where he taught
17 and was principal through 1974; and

18 WHEREAS, Following his time at St. Paul's, Brother Konrad
19 was the high school Curriculum Consultant with the
20 Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education and was then called

1 to province leadership for the Christian Brothers as Auxiliary
2 Provincial from 1975 through 1982, where he worked as the
3 Director of Finance and Director of Education for all Province
4 entities; and

5 WHEREAS, Brother Konrad returned to St. Patrick High
6 School after a year of sabbatical and study in Europe,
7 primarily in Paris and Rome; and

8 WHEREAS, Brother Konrad began serving as principal of St.
9 Patrick High School in 1983 and was named the first president
10 of St. Patrick in 1987; and

11 WHEREAS, Brother Konrad also served on many boards,
12 councils, and associations with almost all being related to
13 education and being mission-driven; and

14 WHEREAS, In his 50th year as a Brother of the Christian
15 Schools and in acknowledgment of his educational and
16 administrative leadership, Lewis University conferred on
17 Brother Konrad a doctoral degree in Humanities, Honoris Causa,
18 in December 2007; and

19 WHEREAS, Six years later in 2013, Brother Konrad retired
20 but returned as a substitute English teacher in October of
21 2022; and

1 WHEREAS, Brother Konrad passed away on October 10th, 2022
2 after decades of devoted service and commitment to his
3 communities and schools; and

4 WHEREAS, In a demonstration of how beloved Brother Konrad
5 was at St. Patrick's High School, the day after Brother Konrad
6 died, all of the students attended school in a shirt and tie to
7 honor him; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we recognize and honor the life of Brother Konrad Diebold,
11 FSC, his contributions to education, and the institutions
12 where he served in his esteemed career, answering the call to
13 service one last time in the final days of his life; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to President Dan Santucci of St. Patrick's High
17 School as an expression of our grief and to uphold the legacy
18 of Brother Konrad Diebold.