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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives learned with sadness of the passing of the Reverend Monsignor Charles Bourke Motsett, P.A., of Danville on December 14, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Father Motsett was born on January 12, 1908, in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Charles and Clara (Bourke) Motsett; he was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, William J. Motsett; and

WHEREAS, Father Motsett attended and graduated from Spalding Institute in Peoria, the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, in 1931, and The Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy, in 1935; and

WHEREAS, Father Motsett was ordained into the priesthood in Rome on December 8, 1934; returning to the United States in 1935, he served as an assistant at two parishes, St. Mary's in Canton and Visitation in Kewanee, and then was pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes in Gibson City; and

WHEREAS, Father Motsett then became pastor of St. Paul's Church in Danville in 1948 and served until 1974; he then went to Sacred Heart in Gibson City until 1982; after leaving Gibson City, he became chaplain of St. Elizabeth Hospital in Danville until his retirement in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Father Motsett was elevated to status of Monsignor in 1993 and then Protonotary Apostolic in 2003; he was devoted to both his church and city communities; and

WHEREAS, Father Motsett belonged to the Knights of Columbus Danville Council 754, serving as chaplain for 3rd and 4th Degrees; he was also a member of the Noon Kiwanis and Danville

1 Rotary, from which he received the Rotary Service Person of the
2 Year award in 1998; and

3 WHEREAS, Father Motsett always volunteered for other civic
4 functions; he enjoyed horseback riding, reading, and all his
5 faithful dogs; and

6 WHEREAS, The passing of the Reverend Monsignor Charles
7 Bourke Motsett, P.A., has been deeply felt by all who knew and
8 loved him, especially his nieces and nephews; his many friends
9 and acquaintances; his students; and the countless number of
10 people in the Danville community, both Catholic and
11 Non-Catholic, whose lives were touched by his many generous
12 acts; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of the
16 Reverend Monsignor Charles Bourke Motsett, P.A.; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of the Reverend Monsignor Charles
20 Bourke Motsett, P.A.