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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Reverend Robert E. McLaughlin on Monday, January 24, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Robert McLaughlin grew up on Chicago's West Side, the son John and Mary McLaughlin; the Chicago Cubs fan attended St. Frances of Rome Catholic School in Cicero before continuing his studies at Quigley Seminary North and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein; he was ordained in 1966; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend McLaughlin went on to receive a master's degree in speech and communications at Northwestern University in 1971; he later honed his leadership skills after receiving a master's degree in organizational development at Loyola University in 1987; and

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WHEREAS, While serving as an associate pastor at Holy Name Cathedral between 1966 and 1976, he taught religion and communications to Quigley students; he later served as an associate pastor at Mater Christi Parish in North Riverside and as pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Chicago; he was appointed rector-president of Niles College of Loyola University in 1984; the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin appointed him as pastor of Holy Name Cathedral in 1990, where he served until 2002; he had nearly 40 years of service in the Archdiocese of Chicago; he was the Pastor of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish in Park Ridge; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend McLaughlin was known for his crimson hair, "leprechaun" grin, and Irish tenor voice; he was an avid golfer and had a magnetic personality; people loved him; he was dubbed "little brother" because of his short stature and was dedicated to spreading the church's message to the young and old, and when he was at odds with his colleagues at the

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1 Archdiocese of Chicago, he wasn't afraid to speak his mind; in  
2 the 1970s, Father McLaughlin was president of the Association  
3 of Chicago Priests, a group of several hundred clergy that  
4 clashed with Cardinal John Cody over school closings and other  
5 issues; and

6 WHEREAS, The passing of Reverend Robert E. McLaughlin has  
7 been deeply felt by many, especially his brothers John P.  
8 (Mariana) and Reverend Edward J.; his sister-in-law, Carol; his  
9 14 nieces and nephews; and his many friends; he was preceded in  
10 death by his parents, and his brother, Thomas; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Reverend Robert E. McLaughlin, and we extend our deepest  
14 sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
15 him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest  
18 condolences.