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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Clifford E. Dienberg of Oak Park, who passed away on June 28, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Dienberg was born on the South Side of Chicago and moved with his family to his grandfather's farm in Wisconsin just before he started high school; after his graduation from Washington High School in Oconto, Wisconsin, Mr. Dienberg returned to Chicago; in 1969, he opened his own small business, C.E. Dienberg Printing Co., which is now on Madison Street in Oak Park and run by one of Mr. Dienberg's sons; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Dienberg became an ordained deacon in 1979; he served as a chaplain at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park for 18 years and did substitute duties as a chaplain at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood; he served at Ascension Catholic Church in Oak Park, St. Vincent Ferrer in River Forest, St. Odilo in Berwyn, St. Luke in River Forest, and St. Mary of Celle in Berwyn; he offered bereavement and grief counseling, and brought retreats and scripture studies to the congregations; he also was on the Diaconate Community Council for two terms in the 1980s; and

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1 WHEREAS, Clifford E. Dienberg served as a deacon for the
2 Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, where his focus was helping
3 those in need; Mr. Dienberg served at several area churches as
4 a deacon and as a chaplain at two hospitals; as rural life
5 director for the archdiocese, Mr. Dienberg reached out to and
6 helped draw in farmers in rural McHenry County and represented
7 the archdiocese on farming issues before government officials
8 in Springfield; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Dienberg served as a board member of Heifer
10 International, a global non-profit group that works toward
11 ending hunger and poverty through gifts of livestock, training,
12 and technical support to families in need; and

13 WHEREAS, Clifford E. Dienberg was the beloved husband of
14 Laretta; the loving father of Denise (Patrick) Helmers, Gayle
15 (Bill) Love, Sue (Andre) Winkler, and Laurie (Jay) Hoppe,
16 Steve, Clifford (Regina), Craig, David (Jennifer), and the late
17 Mark Dienberg; the beloved brother of his twin sister, Kay
18 Dienberg; the devoted grandfather of Michael, Tim, Kate, John,
19 Jenny, Chris, Cliff Jr., Taylor, Joey, Aiden, and Lexie; and
20 the faithful companion to Jack the Dog; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
23 his family and friends, the passing of Clifford E. Dienberg;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Clifford E. Dienberg as a symbol of
4 our sympathy.