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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the pastor and  
4 congregation of St. Patrick Church in Decatur on the 100th  
5 anniversary of the church dedication; and

6           WHEREAS, The cornerstone of the current building was laid  
7 in 1908; the dedication of the new building was on November 21,  
8 1908; and

9           WHEREAS, An eight-room school was completed in 1913; St.  
10 Joseph Hall was opened by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in  
11 1947; and the rectory was built in 1949; and

12           WHEREAS, The 100th anniversary of the parish was celebrated  
13 in 1953; the church was remodeled in 1955 and the basement was  
14 remodeled in 1957; and in 1976 the church was renovated and air  
15 conditioning was installed; and

16           WHEREAS, In 1982 the steeple roof was replaced; in 1987 an  
17 elevator, ramp, and vestibule were installed; and in 1992 a  
18 restoration campaign was started with the renovation completed  
19 in 2002; and

20           WHEREAS, The sesquicentennial celebration was in 2003 with

1 Bishop George Lucas presiding; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 congratulate the pastor and congregation of St. Patrick Church  
5 and wish them the best for the future; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to Father Jeff Grant as a symbol of our respect and  
8 esteem.