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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Rev. Fr. John A.  
4 Jamnicky on the occasion of his 40th anniversary in the  
5 priesthood; and

6           WHEREAS, Fr. John Jamnicky was born on the southeast side  
7 of Chicago in 1945; he was educated in the Chicago Catholic  
8 school system and attended St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in  
9 Mundelein; and

10           WHEREAS, Fr. John Jamnicky was ordained a priest of the  
11 Archdiocese of Chicago in 1972; he served as pastor of St.  
12 Martin Church and School, an inner-city parish on Chicago's  
13 south side, for 10 years; from 1982 to 2000, he served as the  
14 senior Catholic airport chaplain in the United States and  
15 administrator and Catholic chaplain of the O'Hare Airport at  
16 Chicago O'Hare International Airport; and

17           WHEREAS, In 2006, Fr. Jamnicky became the founding pastor  
18 of the newest Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago,  
19 St. Raphael the Archangel in Old Mill Creek; he celebrated his  
20 first Mass at St. Raphael the Archangel on September 1, 2007;  
21 and

1           WHEREAS, During his career, Fr. John Jamnicky has been  
2 involved in chaplaincy programs at San Quentin Prison in  
3 California and Cook County Jail in Chicago; he has spent time  
4 as a chaplain at the Department of Psychiatry of Rush  
5 Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago and the North  
6 Chicago Veterans Administration Hospital; he served as  
7 president of the International Association of Civil Aviation  
8 Chaplains; he was the president of the National Catholic  
9 Conference of Airport Chaplains from 1986 to 1996; he also  
10 served as a chaplain in the Illinois Air National Guard and the  
11 United States Air Force from 1984 to 1989; in January of 1995,  
12 he earned his Certified Airport Chaplain certificate from the  
13 United States Catholic Conference; he also serves as a chaplain  
14 and board member for several agencies and organizations,  
15 including the Antioch Fire Department, Waukegan Regional  
16 Airport, the Port of Waukegan, Maritime Ministries of Lake  
17 County, the Slovak American Charitable Association, and  
18 WSFI-88.5 FM Catholic Radio; and

19           WHEREAS, Fr. John Jamnicky served as a Certified Field  
20 Education Supervisor for St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, the  
21 Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and the Garret  
22 Evangelical United Methodist Seminary in Evanston; from 2001 to  
23 2006, he served as Coordinator for Human Mobility Apostolates  
24 and the National Director of the Apostleship of the Sea at the  
25 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in the Office for

1 the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees; and

2 WHEREAS, Fr. John Jamnicky has appeared in several  
3 newspaper articles and radio and television programs,  
4 including "20/20" and the "Phil Donahue Show"; he has appeared  
5 in an article in The Smithsonian Institute's Air and Space  
6 magazine; he has published articles in American Airlines'  
7 magazine American Way; in 1997, his book, "Ministry of the  
8 Moment: A Manual for Developing an Airport Chaplaincy Program"  
9 was published through the United States Conference Publishing  
10 Services in Washington, D.C.; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we congratulate Rev. Fr. John A. Jamnicky on the occasion of  
14 his 40th anniversary in the priesthood and wish him continued  
15 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Fr. John Jamnicky as a symbol of our esteem and  
18 respect.