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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Father Donald Joseph Ahearn of the Archdiocese of Chicago, who passed away on January 1, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Father Ahearn was born the youngest of five children to Daniel and Helen Ahearn on March 1, 1925; and

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WHEREAS, Father Ahearn was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 3, 1951; his first assignment was Saint Gertrude Parish in Franklin Park, where he served as the assistant pastor for eight years; and

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WHEREAS, After being chaplain of Saint Patrick High School, he served at St. Barbara Parish in Brookfield for seven years; and

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WHEREAS, Father Ahearn finally found home at Saint Juliana Parish on Touhy Avenue in Chicago on August 21, 1975; and

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WHEREAS, The duties of Father Ahearn while pastor of Saint Juliana Parish included being a member of the Pastor Review Board, the School Board Advisory Committee, and then serving as an Assistant Vicar for Senior Priests; and

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1 WHEREAS, After serving the parish for nearly 20 years, he
2 retired on June 30, 1995; and

3 WHEREAS, During his life, Father Ahearn was known for his
4 goodness, generosity, and especially his affection towards
5 people; he was quick to love and quick to befriend; therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
9 mourn the passing of Father Donald Joseph Ahearn, and extend
10 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who
11 knew and loved him; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Father Ahearn as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.