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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend Father David Medow on his 19
4 years of service to St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Father Medow has served St. Mary Immaculate Parish
7 since July of 1998, at which time the parish had 3,982 enrolled
8 households; currently, the Parish has 8,158 enrolled
9 households, having more than doubled since 1998; and

10 WHEREAS, Father Medow was born in the West Rogers Park
11 neighborhood of Chicago and graduated from Mather High School
12 in 1974; he received his Bachelor of Arts from Georgetown
13 University in 1978 and his Master of Arts from Mansfield
14 College, Oxford University in 1981; and

15 WHEREAS, Father Medow met Jane Rooney in England in 1979;
16 she would become his wife, and together, they are the proud
17 parents of Nikolai and Hannah; and

18 WHEREAS, Father Medow pursued his dream of becoming a
19 Lutheran minister, returning to Chicago and studying at the
20 Lutheran School of Theology; he was ordained as a Lutheran
21 minister in 1985, and followed this pathway for over 11 years;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, In the 1990s, Father Medow discovered a yearning
3 for the Roman Catholic Church; he was received into the Church
4 on November 1, 1996 by Bishop Joseph Imesch; he was granted
5 permission by the Holy See to begin a course of study for the
6 priesthood, and prepared for Catholic ordination from 1998 to
7 2001; and

8 WHEREAS, During the course of his studies, Father Medow
9 joined the staff of St. Mary Immaculate in July of 1998; he was
10 granted permission to become a priest and was ordained in June
11 of 2001; he became the Parochial Vicar of the St. Mary
12 Immaculate Parish School in June of 2001, and became the Pastor
13 of the Parish in June of 2005; and

14 WHEREAS, As pastor of St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Father
15 Medow has carried out a life of Christian service; his
16 involvements are too numerous to list, but include the
17 inauguration of a series of parish pilgrimages to Europe and
18 the Holy Land, a mission trip to the African nation of Malawi,
19 a series of outreach efforts to new parish members, a series of
20 Harley Davidson Motorcycle Blessings, and the Relay for Life
21 Plainfield Blessings, begun in 2004; and

22 WHEREAS, Father Medow has been active in the

1 Plainfield-area interfaith community, serving in the
2 Plainfield Ministerial Association from 2001 until the
3 present; he established the Plainfield Interfaith Food Pantry
4 and has, for the past six years, served as its president; and

5 WHEREAS, After serving St. Mary Immaculate Parish for 12
6 years as its pastor, Father David Medow will be moving on to a
7 new life of service in June of 2017; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 commend Father David Medow on his 19 years of service to St.
11 Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield, and we wish him well as
12 he moves on to a new life of service along with his wife; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Father Medow as an expression of our esteem and
16 respect.