1   HOUSE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3   Representatives wish to recognize the life of Father Lawrence
4   Duris; and

5   WHEREAS, Father Duris attended Quigley High School, Niles
6   College, and Mundelein Seminary; he was ordained as a priest in
7   1969; and

8   WHEREAS, Father Duris has spent all of his priesthood in
9   Parish Ministry on the South Side of Chicago; he served as
10   pastor of St. Lawrence for 11 years, pastor of St. Philip Neri
11   for 18 years, non-resident pastor at Our Lady of Peace for nine
12   years, and associate pastor of St. Ethelreda and Holy Cross
13   Churches; he served as Dean of Deanery VI-B for 15 years; his
14   current assignment is as pastor of St Ailbe Catholic Church,
15   where he celebrated his 9th year on February 26, 2018; and

16   WHEREAS, Father Duris has been involved with numerous
17   ministries, including the Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the
18   Presbyterian Council, United Power for Action and Justice, and
19   the Association of Chicago Priests Coordinating Board; he
20   coordinated overnight sessions with the Cardinal and priests
21   that minister in the black community; he has served on numerous
22   advisory boards, including the Augustus Tolton Scholarship

1 Program Board at the Catholic Theological Union and the United

2 Power for Action and Justice Affordable Housing Board; and

3   WHEREAS, In 2016, Father Duris received the Pope John XXIII

4 Award for Outstanding Ministry by the Association of Chicago

5 Priests; and

6   WHEREAS, Father Duris enjoys black history, music, drama,

7 art, and architecture; 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 recognize the life of Father Lawrence Duris, and we wish him

11 the best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

12   RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

13 presented to Father Duris as an expression of our esteem and

14 respect.