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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of The Very Reverend Canon John Joseph Flattery of Danville, who passed away on January 17, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend Canon Flattery was born in Danville to John and Hildegarde Faulstich Flattery on June 4, 1930; he attended St. Joseph Grade School in Danville; in 1943, after eighth grade graduation, he entered the classical prep school at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio; he graduated from high school in 1947; he received his bachelor's degree in philosophy and humanities in 1951; he received his teaching certificate from Illinois State University; On June 4, 1955, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend Canon Flattery taught history, social science, Latin, and Greek at Marquette High School in Ottawa from 1956 until 1960; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend Canon Flattery entered the United States Air Force Chaplaincy, Presidential Commission, in August 1960; he was a member of the USAF Chaplain Board and served in the Office of the Command Chaplain, Headquarters Air Training Command; he served as Chief of Professional Division twice and as assistant command chaplain; he was Installation Chaplain at

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1 several air force bases across the world, including in Morocco,
2 China, Turkey, the Philippines, and the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1970, Reverend Canon Flattery earned a master's
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5 Illinois; he earned a second master's degree in divinity from
6 the Pontifical College Josephinum in 1974; in January 1975, he
7 received his doctorate in education from Boston University;
8 after completion of his doctoral studies, he was assigned to
9 the USAF Chaplain Board at Air University, where he conducted
10 extensive studies and evaluations on religious education
11 materials; he then published two editions of the Catholic
12 Curriculum and Resource Guide for chaplains to use in their
13 religious education programs; several other publications
14 followed and were used for recruits to reflect on their values
15 and goals as they entered the Air Force; and

16 WHEREAS, On August 15, 1971, Reverend Canon Flattery was
17 appointed a Very Reverend Canon in perpetuum of the Cathedral
18 of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist in Izmir Turkey by the
19 Most Rev. John B. Boccella, Archbishop of Izmir; he received
20 the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with seven Oak Leaf
21 Clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf
22 Cluster; he retired with the prestigious title of Colonel in
23 1988; and

1 WHEREAS, After his retirement from the Air Force, Reverend
2 Canon Flattery joined the staff at St. Leo College in Florida;
3 he then returned to the Peoria Diocese and served as pastor and
4 vicar of the Danville Vicariate at Holy Family from 1990 until
5 1992; he was then called to be pastor at St. Matthew Church in
6 Champaign from 1992 until 1994; he received Senior status in
7 June 1995 and retired for a second time; he then conducted
8 extensive research on the histories of the Catholic churches in
9 Danville and published two books, *Our Holy Family* and *Our Holy*
10 *Family: It's Sacred Art*; and

11 WHEREAS, Reverend Canon Flattery assisted area pastors on a
12 regular basis and was active in the community; he was
13 enthusiastic about education, especially history and the
14 preservation of history; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 The Very Reverend Canon John Joseph Flattery and extend our
18 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
19 and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Reverend Canon Flattery as an
22 expression of our deepest sympathy.