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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Sister  
4 Thomas Leo Monahan, O.P., who passed away on November 13,  
5 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, Sr. Thomas Leo was born in Chicago to Roy and  
7 Kathryn (Devine) Monahan on September 20, 1929; she was  
8 baptized Kathleen Monahan; she graduated from Amundsen High  
9 School in Chicago; she received her Bachelor of Philosophy in  
10 History from Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan; she  
11 earned her Master of Arts in History and her Master of  
12 Education in Administration/School Supervision from DePaul  
13 University in Chicago; and

14 WHEREAS, Sr. Thomas Leo entered the Convent of the Adrian  
15 Dominican Sisters in Adrian, Michigan on June 24, 1951, and  
16 she professed her simple vows on December 28, 1952; and

17 WHEREAS, Sr. Thomas Leo ministered in elementary education  
18 for 61 years in Detroit, Michigan and Toledo, Ohio, in  
19 addition to Chicago, Mundelein, and Elmhurst; and

20 WHEREAS, Sr. Thomas Leo spent 40 years at the Visitation  
21 School in Elmhurst, where she served as principal for 38

1 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Sr. Thomas Leo established the Sister Thomas Leo  
3 Monahan Legacy Fund, providing tuition assistance for families  
4 seeking a Catholic education at the Visitation School; and

5 WHEREAS, For her dedication to the Visitation School and  
6 the entire Elmhurst community, Sr. Thomas Leo was named 2013's  
7 Friend of the Children by the Elmhurst Children's Assistance  
8 Foundation; and

9 WHEREAS, Sr. Thomas Leo was respected and loved by her  
10 students and their families, numbering in the thousands; she  
11 will be remembered for her kindness, her selfless nature, and  
12 her special ability to make everyone she met feel comfortable  
13 and important; and

14 WHEREAS, Sr. Thomas Leo lived a life of grace; she  
15 exemplified a life of devotion and commitment to her faith and  
16 good works; she deserves our thanks, gratitude, and words that  
17 say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
20 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn the passing of Sister  
21 Thomas Leo Monahan, O.P., and extend our sincere condolences

1 to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be  
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of Sr. Thomas Leo as an expression of  
5 our deepest sympathy.