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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Father Thomas P.  
4 May, Pastor of the Saint John Brebeuf Parish in Niles, on the  
5 25th anniversary of his ordination; and

6           WHEREAS, Thomas P. May was born on August 17, 1955 on the  
7 Northwest side of Chicago; he was the second of five children  
8 born to Joseph and Geraldine May; he attended Divine Savior  
9 Elementary School, followed by Notre Dame High School for Boys;  
10 he graduated from DePaul University in 1977 with a Bachelor of  
11 Science Degree in Commerce; and

12           WHEREAS, Having received the call of the Holy Spirit,  
13 Thomas May entered Mundelein Seminary in 1979; he served as a  
14 Deacon at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Parish on the Southside of  
15 Chicago from 1982-1983; he was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest  
16 on May 7, 1983; during his studies at Mundelein, he earned a  
17 Masters of Divinity Degree; and

18           WHEREAS, Over the next 16 years, Father May served as  
19 Associate Pastor at St. Benedict, St. Priscilla, and St. John  
20 Fisher Parishes, faithfully serving Catholics throughout the  
21 City of Chicago; during this time, he implemented many programs  
22 and oversaw numerous events at his parishes, forming an

1 unending bond with the people of faith whose lives he touched;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, After honing his leadership skills, Father Thomas  
4 May was selected as Pastor of St. John Brebeuf Parish, in  
5 Niles, in 1999; there he utilized his years of experience in  
6 working with the people of God, in leading a flock of his own;  
7 under his direction, St. John Brebeuf Parish has flourished,  
8 with over 3,500 registered parishioner families, a large  
9 Elementary School, and a bustling Religious Education Program;  
10 Father Thomas May led St. John Brebeuf Parish into its Golden  
11 Age, having presided over the Parish's 50th Anniversary; under  
12 his guidance, plans were formulated, funds were raised, and  
13 construction was completed, for the renovation of everything  
14 from new roofs to new parking lots; and

15 WHEREAS, One of Father Tom's finest achievements was the  
16 building of the Parish Ministry Center, an 18,000 square-foot  
17 community space; a Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel was  
18 also added to the Parish; and

19 WHEREAS, With a true sense of "One World-One Church",  
20 Father Thomas May has spearheaded projects to lend aid to  
21 numerous humanitarian relief missions, both in the United  
22 States and abroad, such as providing assistance to an Orphanage  
23 in the Dominican Republic, a School for Girls in Africa, the

1 needs of the Church in Poland, and The Women's Center in  
2 Chicago; throughout his 25 years as a priest, Father May has  
3 continued to serve the Archdiocese of Chicago; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
6 congratulate Father Thomas May and wish him the best as he  
7 continues to serve the Lord; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Father Thomas May as a symbol of our respect and  
10 esteem.