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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor milestones in the lives of citizens of the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Father Jack Farry, Pastor of Saint Andrew Parish in Chicago, made plans to retire on June 6, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Father Farry attended Saint Sabina Grammar School in Chicago, Quigley Preparatory Seminary in Chicago, Brooklyn Preparatory Seminary in New York, St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, and was ordained a priest on April 29, 1965; and

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WHEREAS, Father Farry began his career at Saint Bernard Parish in Englewood, where he worked until 1969 when he became the Catholic Community of Englewood Coordinator, a job in which he excelled; he left in 1975 to work with the Team Ministry at Saint Bernard's, which was renamed Saint Benedict the African in 2001; and

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WHEREAS, In 1988, Father Farry left Saint Bernard's to become Pastor of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish until 2000; while serving at St. Thomas', Father Farry was also an integral member of the Hyde Park Inter-Faith Council; he served as Chaplain to all the local hospitals; he spearheaded

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1 preservation efforts at St. Thomas', a national historic
2 landmark; he was active in the life of the students at St.
3 Thomas' and was a constant fixture in the school, teaching
4 religious life lessons to all grades; and

5 WHEREAS, Father Farry moved on from Saint Thomas' to become
6 Pastor at Saint Andrew Parish, where he has remained until his
7 retirement in June; and

8 WHEREAS, Father Farry's rhetorical and spiritual gifts
9 have always made him the celebrant of choice at funerals and
10 weddings; and

11 WHEREAS, Father Farry has inspired people throughout his
12 career to simply be good people, and he has shown an admirable
13 lack of bias in his preaching as he is able to reach both
14 Chicago White Sox fans on the South Side and Chicago Cubs fans
15 up North; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 congratulate Father Jack Farry on his retirement and wish him
19 continued success; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Father Jack Farry as a sign of our affection, our

1 gratitude, and our respect.