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SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Father Andrew J. Wahmhoff, O.S.B., of 4 Aurora, who passed away April 10, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Father Andrew was the second of 12 children born 6 to Carl Wahmhoff and Mildred (Hessling); Father Andrew was born 7 December 19, 1931, and was baptized with the name of John at 8 St. Margaret Church, Otsego, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, He followed his older brother to St. Meinrad Minor seminary in 1946; he professed vows as a monk of Marmion Abbey on August 10, 1953, taking the name of Andrew; Father Andrew was ordained to the priesthood on May 3, 1958; and

WHEREAS, The list of jobs that Father Andrew faithfully and skillfully fulfilled for the abbey and academy communities over the years is endless; he is best remembered as a Latin master teacher of State champions for more than 47 years; a dormitory prefect and commandant of cadets; the "red farmer" of Christmas trees; bus driver; grass cutter; and player of golf, baseball, hockey, tennis, hand ball, and any other game that he could try; but his brother monks best remember him as a man of prayer, principles, and deep devotion and service to his Marmion community; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Father Andrew is survived by the members of his
- 2 monastic community, his brothers and sisters and their spouses,
- 3 and many nieces; therefore, be it
- 4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
- 5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
- 6 his family, friends, and members of his monastic community, the
- 7 passing of Father Andrew Wahmhoff; and be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 9 presented to the family of Father Andrew Wahmhoff as a symbol
- of our sincere sympathy.