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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Father Jack Farry on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination; 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 City, and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein; and

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WHEREAS, Father Farry was ordained as 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; he left in 1975 to work with the Team Ministry at Saint Bernard Parish, which was renamed Saint Benedict the African in 2001; and

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WHEREAS, In 1988, Father Farry left Saint Bernard Parish to become Pastor of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish until 2000; while serving at St. Thomas, he was also an integral member of the Hyde Park Inter-Faith Council; he served as chaplain to all the local hospitals; he spearheaded preservation efforts at St. Thomas, a national historic landmark; he was active in the life

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1 of the students at St. Thomas and was a constant fixture in the
2 school, teaching religious life lessons to all grades; and

3 WHEREAS, Father Farry became pastor at Saint Andrew Parish,
4 where he led and ministered to that vibrant community until his
5 retirement in June of 2009; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Father Farry inspired people throughout his
10 career to simply be good people, and he showed an admirable
11 lack of bias in his preaching; although he was a Chicago White
12 Sox fan, he had no problem ministering to both White Sox fans
13 on the South Side and Cubs fans up North; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 congratulate Father Jack Farry on the 50th anniversary of his
17 ordination; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Father Farry as a sign of our respect and esteem.