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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Rev. Donald J.
4 Nevins on receiving the 2016 Most Dedicated Blood Drive
5 Coordinator of the Year from the Illinois Coalition of
6 Community Blood Centers; and

7 WHEREAS, Father Nevins started coordinating blood drives
8 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish back in 2000; since 2008, he
9 has coordinated drives for St. Agnes of Bohemia Parish, where
10 he serves as pastor; and

11 WHEREAS, Father Nevins understands that in order for people
12 to be encouraged to donate blood, they must appreciate its
13 importance, and he makes sure to dedicate time during Mass each
14 week to this message so that it can be delivered clearly to his
15 congregation; and

16 WHEREAS, St. Agnes has a large Latino membership, and the
17 work of Father Nevins in promoting blood donations to the
18 Latino community is invaluable; though Latinos make up 17% of
19 the United States population, they make up less than 3% of the
20 blood donor base; and

21 WHEREAS, Father Nevins has been responsible for over 40

1 blood drives, each lasting over 12 hours; and

2 WHEREAS, Due to the efforts of Father Nevins, over 3000
3 units of blood have been collected, enough to save 12,000
4 lives; and

5 WHEREAS, The accomplishments of Father Nevins will be felt
6 for years to come due to the critical role he plays in
7 educating the youth in his parish, who often become lifetime
8 donors because they started donating at a young age; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2016, Father Nevins was nominated by LifeSource
10 as the "Most Dedicated Blood Drive Coordinator" in a statewide
11 competition hosted by the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood
12 Centers; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 commend Rev. Donald J. Nevins for his commitment to insuring a
16 healthy blood supply in his community; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Rev. Nevins as an expression of our esteem and
19 respect.