

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Father Kevin
6 Vann is leaving his duties as Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes
7 Parish to accept his new position as Pastor of the Blessed
8 Sacrament Parish in Springfield; and

9 WHEREAS, Father Kevin Vann was born on May 10, 1951 to
10 Bill and Theresa Vann; and

11 WHEREAS, Father Kevin Vann attended St. Agnes School in
12 Springfield from 1956 through 1965, Griffin High School in
13 Springfield from 1965 through 1969, and Springfield College
14 in Illinois from 1969 through 1971; he received his
15 bachelor's degree in Medical Technology from Milikin
16 University in 1974; and

17 WHEREAS, Father Kevin Vann was employed for three years
18 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, two of those years
19 being night shift supervisor in the clinical laboratory; and

20 WHEREAS, Father Kevin Vann attended the Diocesan Seminary
21 of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield from 1976 to
22 1977, attended Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri from
23 1977 to 1981 when he received his master's of divinity; he
24 was ordained to the Roman Catholic Priesthood on May 30,
25 1981; he then attended the University of St. Aquinas in the
26 City in Rome, Italy, with residence at the North American
27 College from 1981 through 1985, earning a Doctorate in Canon
28 Law in 1985; and

29 WHEREAS, Father Kevin Vann's assignments over the years
30 include as Parochial Vicar at the Blessed Sacrament Parish in
31 Springfield from 1985 through 1990; as Judge, Defender of the

1 Bond, and Procurator/Advocate for the Diocesan Tribunal from
2 1985 through 1994; Judge of the Metropolitan Court of Appeals
3 for the Province of Chicago from 1985 through 1994; Parochial
4 Administrator at St. Mary, Pittsfield, Holy Redeemer, Barry,
5 and Holy Family, Griggsville from 1989 through 1990; as
6 Pastor of St. Benedicts in Auburn from 1990 through 1992; as
7 Parochial Administrator at St. Mary in Pawnee in 1991; as
8 Adjutant Judicial Vicar for the Interdiocesan Tribunal of
9 Second Instance for the Province of Chicago in 1994; as
10 Parochial Administrator at St. Isadore, Bethany and Sacred
11 Heart in Dalton City from 1995 through 1997; and Our Lady of
12 the Holy Spirit in Mt. Zion in 1995; as Pastor of Our Lady of
13 Lourdes in Decatur from 1992 to the 2001; as Dean at Decatur
14 Deanery from 1996 to the present; and as Episcopal Contact
15 for Hispanic Ministry from 1999 to the present; and

16 WHEREAS, Father Kevin Vann has been involved with the
17 following community organizations, including the Greater
18 Decatur Chorale, as chaplain to the Decatur police
19 department, author of the Community Agenda for the Herald
20 Review, planned the New Year's Eve 2000 celebration at the
21 Civic Center, participated in the Coming Together Project,
22 the YMCA, the New Life Pregnancy Center, Ministerial Alliance
23 of the North Decatur Churches, and the Breakfast Sertoma on
24 Fridays; in addition, he was involved with the growing
25 Hispanic community in Decatur and working with others to help
26 provide for their spiritual, emotional, and material needs;
27 and he worked with the State of Illinois to find office space
28 for the "Illinois Association of Agencies and Community
29 Organizations for Migrant Advocacy"; and

30 WHEREAS, The parish members of Our Lady of Lourdes have
31 been honored and privileged to have Father Kevin Vann as
32 their Pastor since 1992 and will miss his presence immensely;
33 therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Father Kevin Vann for his dedication and
4 service to the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and we wish him
5 well as he takes over the duties as Pastor of the Blessed
6 Sacrament in Springfield; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Father Kevin Vann as an expression of our
9 esteem.