

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3 express their sincerest condolences to the family and friends  
4 of Father John O'Connell, who passed away on July 11, 2002;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Father John O'Connell was born on July 30, 1933  
7 in Litchfield to Patrick B. and Grace M. Sakach O'Connell; he  
8 was ordained on May 23, 1959; and

9 WHEREAS, Father O'Connell served as assistant in various  
10 parishes throughout the diocese from 1959 to 1971; he did  
11 missionary work in Peru from 1976 until 1979; he also served  
12 as pastor and parochial administrator in various parishes;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Father O'Connell was assigned as pastor of St.  
15 Augustine, Ashland on July 1, 2002; and

16 WHEREAS, Father O'Connell is survived by his brothers,  
17 Richard O'Connell and James O'Connell; his sister, Mary  
18 Mizera; and several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
21 all who knew him, the death of Father John O'Connell of  
22 Ashland; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
24 presented to the family of Father John O'Connell with our  
25 sincere condolences.