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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Rev. Dean P. Rice of Chicago on December 14, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Father Rice's 45-year tenure as rector of The Church of the Atonement set the record for the longest-held post in the Chicago Episcopal Diocese; and

WHEREAS, Father Rice was born in 1932 to a Methodist family in Danville; he graduated from Georgetown High School in 1950; three years later, he received a bachelor's degree from Millikin University in Decatur; and

WHEREAS, He received a master of divinity degree from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, an Episcopal seminary in Evanston in 1956; in 1958, he was installed as rector of The Episcopal Church of the Atonement, where he stayed until June of this year; and

WHEREAS, In the 1970s, when the church's Hispanic congregation began to grow, Father Rice helped establish The Parent-Child Latino Center, which offered social services with an emphasis on education; and

WHEREAS, Out of this ministry grew St. Augustine's College, which moved out of the church in 1979, the same year the Hispanic congregation formed the Mission of Cristo Rey; Father Rice served on St. Augustine's governing board from 1980 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, Father Rice was a board member and part owner of Paxton Wholesale Grocery Co., a family-owned business in southern Illinois; he also traveled extensively and boasted a collection of crystal; and

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Father Rice will be deeply felt by
2 many, especially his niece, Nanette Rice Mellen; and his
3 nephew, James M. Rice; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 mourn the passing of Rev. Dean P. Rice along with all who knew
7 and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
8 friends, and community; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Rev. Dean P. Rice as an expression
11 of our deepest sympathy.