



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Illinois citizens who have
4 accomplished much in their lives; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Robert E. Lee of Moline, Illinois is one
6 such individual; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert E. Lee was born and educated in Alexis,
8 Illinois; he attended and graduated from St. Ambrose University
9 and St. Meinrad Seminary; he was ordained into the priesthood
10 in 1959 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria, Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1959 he was assigned to the Sacred Heart Parish
12 in Moline; he would go on to spend his entire ministry in that
13 city, accumulating 40 years at Sacred Heart and 3 years at St.
14 Mary's; and

15 WHEREAS, Under his leadership, Sacred Heart Parish became
16 the largest parish in the Peoria Diocese; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to leading his parish, Reverend Lee
18 also found time to serve on many boards and commissions; he
19 served as a member of the Priest's Senate in the Peoria
20 Diocese; he served as a member of the Diocesan Consultors and
21 the Diocesan Finance Commission; and

22 WHEREAS, Reverend Lee was Vicar of the Rock Island
23 Vicariate from 1974 to 1986 and again from 1991 to 1998; he
24 served on the Board of Education for Alleman High School,
25 Sacred Heart School, and Seton Catholic School; he served on
26 the Black Hawk College Board of Trustees and also the Lutheran
27 Hospital Board of Directors; and

28 WHEREAS, In 2001, Reverend Lee was awarded an Honorary

1 Doctorate of Humanities from St. Ambrose University; he also
2 received the St. Ambrose University Alumni Service Award; and

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Lee served on the Moline Commission on
4 Youth Citizens Advisory Board, and the Board on Catholic
5 Charities; and

6 WHEREAS, Together with his fellow workers Reverend Lee saw
7 the consolidation of the Moline Catholic Schools into the Seton
8 Catholic School and the building of the new Seton Catholic
9 Middle School; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Robert E. Lee retired in 2001; he is
11 considered a leader in the community, an educational leader, a
12 mentor, a servant, and a friend to many; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we congratulate Reverend Robert E. Lee on his recognition from
16 the Center for Belgian Culture on the occasion of the 100th
17 anniversary of the founding of Sacred Heart Parish; we thank
18 him for his many years of dedication and devotion to the people
19 of Moline; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Reverend Robert E. Lee, with our sincere
22 gratitude.