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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Fr. John P. Finnegan, who passed away on June 16, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Fr. Finnegan was born in Chicago to William and Jennie Finnegan on July 8, 1928; he entered St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein in 1947; he was ordained a Catholic priest on May 5, 1954; he earned his master's degree from the University of Notre Dame and his doctorate in Greek and Latin from the University of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Fr. Finnegan served in the Chicago parishes of Our Lady of Loretto in Hometown and St. Thomas the Apostle in Hyde Park; he also taught Latin at Quigley High School and Niles College; in 1978, he was appointed founding pastor of St. Mary of Vernon in Indian Creek by the late Cardinal Cody; he continued as pastor at St. Mary of Vernon until his retirement in 1998; he also served as Dean of Academics and liaison between Niles College and Loyola University; and

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WHEREAS, After his retirement, Fr. Finnegan spent the next 20 years helping out at various churches in Lake County; he saw the need for expanding the Church's ministry to senior living centers and established Hawthorn Lakes in 1983; he devoted his

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1 life's work to the Catholic ministry; and

2 WHEREAS, Fr. Finnegan is survived by his siblings, Fr.
3 William Finnegan, Thomas (Toni) Finnegan, and Mary (Jack)
4 Discher; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Fr. John P. Finnegan and extend our sincere condolences to his
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Fr. Finnegan as an expression of our
12 deepest sympathy.