

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of the Reverend Martin B. Mangan, who
5 passed away on September 14, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Rev. Mangan was born on December 12, 1929 in
7 Springfield, Illinois to Martin B. and Marie M. Mangan; he
8 attended Mundelein Seminary and was ordained on May 1, 1957;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, During his career, Rev. Mangan served as an
11 assistant to St. Joseph Church in Granite City from 1957 to
12 1958 and was a student of canon law at Gregorian University
13 in Rome from 1958 to 1961; he served as Vice-Chancellor,
14 Chancery, in Springfield from 1961 to 1968 and as Pastor of
15 St. Joseph Church in Granite City from 1968 to 1972; he was
16 Co-Administrator at St. Mary's Church in Taylorville from
17 1972 to 1977 and Administrator of St. Mary's Church in Mt.
18 Sterling from 1977 to 1979; he served as Pastor of Holy
19 Family Church in Mt. Sterling from 1979 to 1981, St. Paul's
20 Church in Highland and St. James Church in St. Jacob from
21 1981 to 1986, Forty Martyrs Church in Tuscola from 1986 to
22 1991, and St. James Church in Decatur from 1991 to 1997; in
23 addition, he served as Dean at Decatur Deanery from 1991 to
24 1996 and had been serving as Priest-Moderator at St. James
25 Church from 1997 to 2001; and

26 WHEREAS, Rev. Mangan was an outspoken proponent of social
27 justice issues, including workers' rights, human rights, race
28 relations, gender equality, war and peace, and the disparity
29 between rich and poor; he served as a central figure for the
30 past 10 years at St. James Catholic Parish and School and was
31 an icon for organized labor in Decatur; and

32 WHEREAS, Rev. Mangan was recently honored by the Decatur

1 Trades & Labor Assembly, AFL-CIO; the Father Martin Mangan
2 Humanitarian Award will in the future be presented to
3 individuals who best exemplify Rev. Mangan's commitment to
4 social justice issues and workers' rights; and

5 WHEREAS, The passing of the Reverend Martin Mangan will
6 be deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his
7 sisters, Mary Patricia Sullivan and Elizabeth Ann Finzer; his
8 many nieces and nephews; and the many parishioners at St.
9 James Catholic Church, where his presence will be deeply
10 missed; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of the
14 Reverend Martin Mangan of Decatur, Illinois; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of the Reverend Martin Mangan with
18 our sincere condolences.