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3 By Representative Melton
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8 MOURNING THE DEATH OF FATHER CARROLL WILLIAM
9 PLOURDE, S.S.E.

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11 WHEREAS, with an overwhelming sense of loss, we
12 receive news of the death of Father Carroll William Plourde,
13 S.S.E., on March 8, 2011, at the age of 57 after celebrating
14 the morning Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Selma,
15 Alabama; and

16 WHEREAS, Father Plourde was a professed member of
17 the Society of Saint Edmund for 27 years and a priest for 23
18 years; and

19 WHEREAS, a native of Caribou, Maine, he attended
20 Sacred Heart School, Hilltop Junior High School, and Caribou
21 High School; he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science
22 from the University of Maine in 1981, completed his Master's
23 Degree in Theology at Notre Dame Seminary in 1987, and pursued
24 additional theological studies at the Institute for Black
25 Catholic Studies at Xavier University from 1988-1991; and

26 WHEREAS, following his ordination to the priesthood
27 in 1987, he served as parochial vicar of Saint Peter Claver

1 Parish in New Orleans until his appointment as pastor of Our
2 Lady Queen of Peace Church in Selma in October 1990; and

3 WHEREAS, Father Plourde served an unprecedented four
4 terms as Superior of the Edmundite Southern House from
5 1997-2009; he also served for many years as a member of the
6 Edmundite General Council, the Board of Directors of Bishop
7 Perry Middle School in New Orleans, and the Board of Trustees
8 of Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont; since 1997,
9 he had been serving as a member of the Board of Directors of
10 the Edmundite Missions; and

11 WHEREAS, during his 21-year religious and priestly
12 life in Selma, Father Plourde was a member of the Advisory
13 Board of the Selma/Dallas County Retired Volunteer Program and
14 a member of the Priest's Council of the Archdiocese of Mobile;
15 he will be remembered for taking many pastoral burdens upon
16 himself rather than pass them on to others and for devoting
17 himself especially to the pastoral care of the sick, the
18 young, and the divorced; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to his Edmundite Brothers, he
20 is survived his mother, Grace Thibodeau Plourde, and four
21 brothers, Wilfred, William, Roderick, and Douglas; and

22 WHEREAS, Father Plourde was a valued member of the
23 community; although his presence will be missed, his legacy
24 will endure and his memory will be cherished in the hearts and
25 minds of those who were fortunate to know him; now therefore,

26 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
27 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the untimely death of Father

1 Carroll William Plourde, S.S.E., is recorded with profound
2 regret, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute to
3 his life, along with heartfelt sympathy to his family.