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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 616

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*Celebrating the life of the Reverend Thomas J. Quinlan.*

Patrons—BaCote, Hope, Toscano, Ward, and Yancey

WHEREAS, the Reverend Thomas J. Quinlan, who spent decades spreading the gospel and serving those in need as a Roman Catholic priest, died on April 24, 2012; and

WHEREAS, ordained on May 1, 1958, Father Quinlan began his pastoral service as a curate at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Father Quinlan served in parishes in West Virginia, Norfolk, Covington, Newport News, Tabb, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach throughout a long and vibrant ministry that focused on awakening individuals' faith and caring for the poor, marginalized, and disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, Father Quinlan served as the founding pastor of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Community of Poquoson and Tabb and provided visionary leadership as he reached out to those in need in the community with humanitarian efforts that included the founding of a thrift shop; and

WHEREAS, Father Quinlan served the Catholic Church for decades, including as president of the priest senate for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 Father Quinlan celebrated his Golden Jubilee, marking 50 years since his ordination, with many friends and former parishioners who fondly remembered his memorable service; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable man, Father Quinlan touched the lives of countless individuals with his compassion and enthusiasm for his faith; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of a dedicated spiritual leader, the Reverend Thomas J. Quinlan; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Reverend Thomas J. Quinlan as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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