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To honor, recognize, and celebrate the life of Monsignor Kenneth F. Grimes and to extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing on Saturday, October 15, 2011.

WHEREAS, Monsignor Kenneth F. Grimes was born on April 14, 1931 to J. Colby Grimes and Rebecca Grimes and was raised in the Hilltop area of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Grimes was a graduate of St. Charles High School and College, earning a BA in Philosophy in 1953. In 1957, he graduated from Mount St. Mary of the West Seminary and later earned his Masters in Education from The Ohio State University in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Grimes was ordained to the Priesthood on May 25, 1957 and was named Monsignor when Pope John Paul II bestowed upon him the title Prelate of Honor in 1992; and

WHEREAS, from 1957-1960, Monsignor Grimes served as Assistant Pastor of St. Francis De Sales Church in Newark while also teaching at Newark Catholic High School and serving as Chaplain of the Diocesan Committee on Scouting for Boys. Monsignor Grimes returned to Columbus in 1960 to serve as an instructor and coach at Bishop Watterson High School and later as an instructor at Bishop Ready High School; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Grimes continued his devoted service to education as Principal of Notre Dame High School in Portsmouth from 1965-1970. From 1970-1976, he simultaneously served as Assistant Superintendent of Schools in the Diocese of Columbus as well as Principal of Bishop Watterson High School; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Grimes continued his ministry as Co-Pastor and then Pastor of St. Agatha Church from 1976-1986. From 1986 until his retirement in 2006, he served as Pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church. Upon his retirement, he remained in residence at St. Andrew Parish; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his decades-long service to his many parishioners and students, Monsignor Grimes expanded his ministry to serve as Chaplain of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1973-1995; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Grimes was a devoted son, brother, uncle, pastor, educator, and friend. He will be remembered for his compassion, passion, humor, and spirit. He touched the lives of many and he will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this council does hereby honor, recognize, and celebrate the long and fulfilling life of Monsignor Kenneth F. Grimes and extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing.