

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 98-4713, by Representatives Wolfe, Alexander, Romero, DeBolt and Johnson

WHEREAS, Father Arnold John Fox, OSB, is a lifelong resident of Washington, and one of the oldest priests in the Archdiocese of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, He has been an example of leadership and devotion during more than fifty-eight combined years of service to the Parish of Immaculate Conception in Arlington, Visitation Parish in Tacoma, Queen of Angels Parish in Port Angeles, and Assumption Parish in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, Father Fox was a teacher and administrator of numerous young men at Saint Martin's School and College from 1936 to 1940; and

WHEREAS, He has provided spiritual guidance and instruction to many community leaders, including former Governor John Spellman and his family; and

WHEREAS, Father Fox has personally raised thousands of dollars for the benefit of the poor, for education, the arts, and many other deserving causes for the citizens of Washington; and

WHEREAS, He has been a respected member of the monastic community at Saint Martin's Abbey and College in Lacey since 1927; and

WHEREAS, This man of God has remained faithful to his vocation, despite the tremendous change the Roman Catholic Church has seen during his service to his monastic community and the residents of this state; and

WHEREAS, Father Fox will mark his diamond jubilee on March 7, 1998, along with his ninety-fifth birthday; and

WHEREAS, This diamond jubilee will be celebrated at Saint Martin's College on the afternoon of March 8, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Father Fox is an outstanding example for all Washingtonians through his unselfish service to those in need of education, guidance, or support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State House of Representatives hereby recognize and honor Father Arnold John Fox for his lifetime of commitment and tenacious dedication to the spiritual health of the people of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives immediately transmit a copy of this resolution to Father Arnold John Fox and the members of the monastic community at Saint Martin's Abbey.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4713 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 5, 1998.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk