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# SENATE RESOLUTION 1001

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF MONSIGNOR EDWARD J. RYLE.

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STATE OF ARIZONA SENATE

Monsignor Edward J. Ryle passed away on December 28, 2005 after a lengthy illness at the age of seventy-five.

An institution among people of all faiths in Arizona, Monsignor Ryle dedicated his life to helping poor and disadvantaged individuals. He served in various capacities after his ordination in 1956, including parish priest, teacher at Catholic University's School of Social Service in Washington, D.C., dean of Marywood University's Graduate School of Social Work in Scranton, Pennsylvania and leader of Catholic Charities organizations in Tucson and Phoenix. From 1984 until 2003, he served as Arizona's voice of the poor in his efforts as executive director of the Arizona Catholic Conference.

For nearly two decades, Monsignor Ryle worked tirelessly in lobbying the Arizona Legislature to enact legislation that would benefit children, poor and disabled adults and others. His advocacy efforts on behalf of Arizona's less fortunate citizens earned him the respect and admiration of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Despite the demands of his work with the Catholic Conference, Monsignor Ryle gave selflessly of his time and efforts on numerous boards and committees over the years, including the governor's tax-reform committee. His dedication to humanitarianism and to ministering to the downtrodden earned him the 2005 Vision Award, a lifetime achievement award, from Catholic Charities-USA.

Acting with integrity and selflessness in all he did, Monsignor Ryle touched the lives of thousands of people over the decades and distinguished himself as a true man of God. He will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues at the Arizona Capitol as well as the citizens of Phoenix and the State of Arizona.

Therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona:

That the Members of the Senate express sincere regret at the passing of their friend, Monsignor Edward J. Ryle, and extend their deepest sympathies to his surviving family members.

**PASSED BY THE SENATE JANUARY 30, 2006.**

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