

By: Representatives Guice, Zuber

To: Rules

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 92

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING REVEREND BERNARD FARRELL  
2 FOR HIS SERVICES TO ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND  
3 CONGRATULATING AND EXTENDING A HEARTY WISH FOR SUCCESS UPON HIS  
4 APPOINTMENT AS PASTOR OF ST. ELIZABETH SETON PARISH, OCEAN  
5 SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI.

6 WHEREAS, Rev. Bernard Farrell, former pastor of the St.  
7 Alphonsus Catholic Church of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, where he  
8 served faithfully and diligently for approximately 13 years, was  
9 appointed to pastor the St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Ocean Springs,  
10 effective February 2, 2002; and

11 WHEREAS, born July 25, 1940, in Galway, Ireland, Rev. Farrell  
12 received his early Catholic studies at Mungret College, St.  
13 Patrick's College in Carlow, Ireland, and additional studies in  
14 1970 at Mississippi State University; and

15 WHEREAS, Rev. Farrell received his sacred ordination at the  
16 Cathedral of Assumption in Carlow, Ireland, on June 13, 1965, and  
17 was ordained for the Natchez-Jackson Diocese, making his arrival  
18 in Mississippi on August 31, 1965; and

19 WHEREAS, from the moment of his arrival at the diocese, Rev.  
20 Farrell began inspiring and enlightening the hearts of many  
21 parishioners by sharing his teaching, preaching, and sharing of  
22 the gospel; and

23 WHEREAS, Rev. Farrell, who has always been dedicated to the  
24 concerns of his parishioners, received several successive  
25 appointments before his appointment to St. Elizabeth, which have  
26 included: assistant pastor, Nativity Parish, Biloxi, in September  
27 1965; assistant pastor, St. Joseph's Parish, Greenville, in



28 September 1969; assistant pastor, St. Joseph, Starkville, in  
29 November 1970; and

30 WHEREAS, other appointments have included: Pastor of St.  
31 Thomas Aquinas Parish, Hattiesburg, October 1972; Campus Ministry  
32 Director, September 1977; pastor of Sacred Heart Parish,  
33 Pascagoula, in February 1978, with a three-year extension in  
34 November 1985; elected to Personnel Board, May 1978; appointment  
35 as Dean of East Coast Deanery, January 1985; and pastor of St.  
36 Alphonsus, April 1989; and

37 WHEREAS, loved by all children, who flock to him, Rev.  
38 Farrell has been generously supported by all members of the  
39 congregation, and will be sorely missed but fondly remembered by  
40 the parishioners of St. Alphonsus; and

41 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to recognize  
42 and commend the accomplishments of such noteworthy individuals as  
43 Rev. Bernard Farrell, whose missionary purpose is being fulfilled  
44 daily as he shares the sacred messages of love, joy, peace,  
45 divinity and devotion with his parishioners:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
47 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
48 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend Rev. Bernard Farrell for his  
49 dedicated services provided to the parishioners of St. Alphonsus  
50 Catholic Church, and congratulate and extend to him our heartiest  
51 wishes for success upon his appointment as pastor of St. Elizabeth  
52 Seton Parish, Ocean Springs.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
54 furnished to Rev. Bernard Farrell and the members of the Capitol  
55 Press Corps.

