

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.

