

By: Representatives Guice, Zuber

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 30

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

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Rev. Farrell, who has always been dedicated to the  
23 concerns of his parishioners, received several successive  
24 appointments before his appointment to St. Elizabeth, which have  
25 included: assistant pastor, Nativity Parish, Biloxi, in September  
26 1965; assistant pastor, St. Joseph's Parish, Greenville, in  
27 September 1969; assistant pastor, St. Joseph, Starkville, in  
28 November 1970; and



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

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

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

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

