

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.

