

House Resolution 500

By: Representatives Miller of the 62nd, Willis of the 55th, Okoye of the 102nd, Olaleye of the 59th, and Gladney of the 130th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Father Thomas Alessandroni; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, born Mark Alessandroni to his loving father, a prominent criminal lawyer, and
3 mother, a retired school teacher, Father Thomas Alessandroni has established a distinguished
4 life-long career of Christian ministry; and

5 WHEREAS, after a brief stint at Temple University in his early years, he became part of a
6 non-denominational fellowship of young Christian men and women dedicated to urban
7 ministry, serving for several years at mission stations, store front chapels, and counseling
8 centers throughout the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Angela, following his initial
10 years of service, and the two chose to settle in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1985, where they raised
11 their three wonderful children; and

12 WHEREAS, ordained as a priest in 1995, Father Thomas Alessandroni and his family
13 relocated just a year later to San Francisco to work at Raphael House, a transitional housing
14 program for homeless families, and he further served as pastor of an Orthodox mission
15 parish; and

16 WHEREAS, after returning to Atlanta in 2008, Father Thomas Alessandroni eventually
17 became the full time pastor at Saint John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church, where he now
18 oversees the Loaves and Fishes ministry; and

19 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
20 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
21 humanitarian, Father Thomas Alessandroni has shown the energy, devotion, and commitment
22 truly reflective of divine guidance; and

23 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Father Thomas Alessandroni is
24 a source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
26 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
27 on behalf of persons in need.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Father Thomas Alessandroni for his many
30 outstanding years of pastoral service and extend sincere best wishes for future health,
31 happiness, and success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
34 Father Thomas Alessandroni.