

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To commend The Very Reverend Henry Julius Joseph Davis, Jr., SSJ, on the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his priestly ordination.

WHEREAS, Henry Julius Joseph Davis, Jr., was born to Henry J. Davis, Sr., and Diane C. Davis; he is the eldest of the couple's eight children; and

WHEREAS, Father Davis matriculated his whole life in Catholic schools and universities; he was so touched by the generosity of the priests and brothers of the Josephites and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament that he wanted to dedicate his life to the evangelization of the African American community; and

WHEREAS, he attended St. Peter Claver Church and School in New Orleans, is a 1988 graduate of Xavier University, and received his graduate degree from DeSales School of Theology in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Father Davis was ordained a Josephite priest twenty-five years ago and has been a member of the Josephite community for twenty-six years; he is a Fourth Degree Knight of St. Peter Claver and a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Father Davis has been educating and witnessing his faith to young people since he was confirmed at the age of fifteen; he has maintained a deep devotion to the Holy Spirit; and

WHEREAS, Father Davis is currently pastor of Corpus Christi-Epiphany Church in New Orleans and the chief religious officer of St. Augustine High School; and

WHEREAS, he was formerly the director of the St. Joseph the Worker House of Formation in Iperu Remo, Nigeria, and served as pastor of Our Mother of Mercy and Blessed Sacrament Churches in Beaumont; Father Davis assisted the Diocese of Beaumont

with activities centering around African American Catholics, Catholic schools, youth and campus ministry conferences, and catechist workshops; and

WHEREAS, he has received many awards for teaching, community social involvement, and pastoring in the parishes where he has served in Louisiana, Texas, Washington, D.C., and Ogun State, Nigeria; Father Davis is also a lifelong member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and

WHEREAS, upon the celebration of Reverend Davis's twenty-fifth anniversary of ordination, it is appropriate to recognize his honorable leadership and inspiration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend The Very Reverend Henry Julius Joseph Davis, Jr., SSJ, on the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his priestly ordination; does hereby recognize his noble achievements and contributions in his priestly ministry; and does hereby extend to him best wishes for health, happiness, and God's richest blessings in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to The Very Reverend Henry Julius Joseph Davis, Jr., SSJ.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES