

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY SENATOR STINE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, M.A., D.D. on the occasion of his 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, M.A., D.D. on the occasion of his 15th  
3 anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

4 WHEREAS, Glen John Provost was born August 9, 1949, in Lafayette, Louisiana;  
5 he answered a call to the priesthood, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature  
6 from St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, Louisiana, in 1971; and then studied at  
7 the North American College in Rome, Italy, from 1971-1975, completing a Bachelor of  
8 Sacred Theology from St. Thomas University in Rome in 1974; and

9 WHEREAS, Father Provost was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of  
10 Lafayette by Pope Paul VI on June 29, 1975, in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, returning to  
11 Louisiana to become the associate pastor at St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Abbeville until  
12 1983; and

13 WHEREAS, from 1983 until 2007, Father Provost served as pastor to several other  
14 Louisiana parishes, including St. Leo IV Parish in Roberts Cove, the Cathedral of St. John  
15 Evangelist in Lafayette, and Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Lafayette; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2007, Father Provost was appointed the third bishop of Lake Charles  
17 on March 6th by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI; he was consecrated to the Episcopacy  
18 and installed as the third bishop of Lake Charles on Monday, April 23, 2007, in the

1 Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles; and

2 WHEREAS, Bishop Provost was a judge with the Lafayette Diocesan Tribunal,  
3 served as liaison to the legal community, chairman of the Council of Priests, an instructor  
4 of Church history with the diaconate program in the Diocese of Lafayette, and an instructor  
5 in the Department of Theology for Church History at Aquinas Institute, Holy Cross College,  
6 Lafayette/New Orleans; and

7 WHEREAS, the many past positions he has served in, including chaplain to His  
8 Holiness, member of the board of governors for the Pontifical North American College, and  
9 a member of the subcommittee on African American Affairs, United States Conference of  
10 Catholic Bishops, show that he has worked tirelessly to fulfill his motto, "He plants for those  
11 to come" - *Pro venturis serit*; and

12 WHEREAS, when Papal Nuncio informed Father Provost that he would be named  
13 the bishop of Lake Charles, he passed on his wisdom for the new bishop to always  
14 "Remember, it is His Church"; and

15 Papal Nuncio told him upon being informed that he would be named the bishop of Lake  
16 Charles, he passed on his wisdom for the new bishop to always "Remember, it is His  
17 Church"; and

18 WHEREAS, inspired by those words, Bishop Provost led the way for many  
19 endeavors that honor and serve the Lord's Church, including the restoration of the  
20 century-year-old cathedral, expansion of service sites and work of Catholic Charities of  
21 Southwest Louisiana, creation of the Catholic youth camp known as Camp Karol,  
22 prioritizing the needs of Catholic education for students through devastating hurricane and  
23 pandemic times, and the founding of Vianney House of Discernment for young men  
24 considering a vocation to the priesthood before entering the seminary; and

25 WHEREAS, Bishop Provost is most deserving of recognition as a champion for the  
26 most needy and vulnerable in southwest Louisiana as well as an inspiration to his  
27 parishioners, Catholics throughout the state, and all who have the privilege of working with  
28 him on his many initiatives.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
30 does hereby join the Catholic Diocese of Lake Charles to commend The Most Reverend

1 Glen John Provost on the occasion of his 15th anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Lake  
2 Charles and does hereby offer sincere congratulations and best hopes and prayers for  
3 continued fruitful labor in the vineyard of faith.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
5 Bishop Glen John Provost.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Celeste D. Ellis.

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DIGEST

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