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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

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COMMENDATIONS: Commends St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on the occasion of its three hundredth anniversary

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on the occasion of its three hundredth
3	anniversary.
4	WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish, which was formerly referred to as the German Coast,
5	is the third-oldest settlement in Louisiana after Natchitoches and New Orleans, and it is older
6	than the United States; and
7	WHEREAS, Karlstein was among the first settlements on the German Coast, and in
8	1723, missionary priests from the Franciscan Order of Friars Capuchin established the
9	ecclesiastical parish and chapel, La Paroisse de St. Jean des Allemands, or The Parish of
10	St. John, of the Germans, along the west bank of the Mississippi River near present-day Taft,
11	Louisiana; and
12	WHEREAS, in 1740, the ecclesiastical parish and chapel were relocated to their
13	present-day site along the east bank of the Mississippi River and renamed St. Charles in
14	honor of St. Charles Borromeo; after the chapel burned down in 1806, it was replaced by a
15	wood-framed church that was painted red; and
16	WHEREAS, St. Charles Borromeo Church became known as the "Little Red
17	Church", and it has served as the mother church for many mission chapels in St. Charles
18	Parish; the church cemetery is also the oldest German cemetery in the American South; and
19	WHEREAS, the "Little Red Church" tragically burned down in 1921 and was
20	replaced with the current St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church; the church was dedicated
21	on January 25, 1922, and in 1929, the rectory was rebuilt with the addition of a convent; and

WHEREAS, this year, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church celebrates its threehundredth anniversary; the church is most deserving of the highest recognition on this
momentous occasion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
commend St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on the occasion of its three hundredth

in St. Charles civil parish; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that the both the church

anniversary; does hereby further recognize the rich history of the church and its deep roots

8 and civil parishes continue to prosper for centuries to come.

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Gregory Miller

Commends St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on the occasion of its 300th anniversary.