

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 326

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To commend Brother Matthew Lyons, CSC, for more than sixty years of faithful service to the Catholic Church.

WHEREAS, Matthew Lyons served his country for six years in the United States Air Force; in 1953, he played tackle for the Georgia Tech football team in the Sugar Bowl; and

WHEREAS, in 1960 Matthew was inspired by Father Basil Moreau and responded to a divine call to become a Brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and began his journey molding the lives of students; and

WHEREAS, Brother Matthew served for seven years as principal of St. Francis High School in Mountain View, California; in 1971, Brother Matthew was assigned to Holy Cross New Orleans, where he taught physics; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and administrative talents of Brother Matthew led to his appointment to St. Angela Merici Catholic School in Metairie, where he served as principal from 1974 to 1976; and

WHEREAS, Brother Matthew returned to his first Louisiana posting in 1984 and was appointed principal of Holy Cross, New Orleans, where he served until 1992; Brother Matthew led the enhancement of academic and athletic programs; through his education talent and vision, he provided academic, social, and religious experiences that helped students deal with life challenges; and

WHEREAS, from Holy Cross, Brother Matthew served in Chile for twenty years and a year in Bolivia; Brother Matthew's sense of humor and respect for learning have followed him to every post and have endeared students and faculty to his leadership; Brother Matthew is deserving of the highest praise for his devotion and service to his students and his faith.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Brother Matthew Lyons, CSC, on more than sixty years of service to the Catholic Church and does hereby extend best wishes that his life of devotion continue for years to come.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES