

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 159

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of the Reverend Thomas J. "Dutch" Jenniskens, of New Orleans

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of the Reverend  
3 Thomas J. "Dutch" Jenniskens, S.J., of New Orleans.

4 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of  
5 Louisiana were saddened to learn of the departure from this Earthly life of the Reverend  
6 Father Thomas J. "Dutch" Jenniskens on May 22, 2013, to his eternal resting place; and

7 WHEREAS, Thomas Jenniskens was born on July 9, 1926, in New Orleans and  
8 completed his formative education at Immaculate Conception School in Marrero and Jesuit  
9 High School in New Orleans; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, the Spirit of God spurred Thomas  
11 Jenniskens to begin an educational and spiritual quest which led him to enter the Jesuit  
12 novitiate in 1943 at St. Charles College in Grand Coteau, Louisiana; and

13 WHEREAS, two years later, on July 31, 1945, Thomas Jenniskens pronounced first  
14 vows and, compelled by the call of God upon his life to continue his religious journey, did  
15 so by entering Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, to study for the priesthood; and

16 WHEREAS, Thomas Jenniskens earned a bachelor of arts degree in Latin from  
17 Spring Hill College in 1950, a bachelor of arts degree in theology from St. Mary's College  
18 in St. Marys, Kansas, and a master of education in counseling from Loyola University in  
19 Chicago; and

20 WHEREAS, on June 13, 1956, the spiritual journey of Thomas J. "Dutch" Jenniskens  
21 reached a peak when he became Father Jenniskens upon his ordination as a priest; and

1           WHEREAS, Father Jenniskens used the spiritual and educational knowledge he had  
2 acquired by returning to his former high school, Jesuit High, where he taught from 1950 to  
3 1953, 1958 to 1960, and 1972 to 1975; he was a faculty member of the minor seminary in  
4 Corpus Christi, Texas, from 1960 through 1972; he was appointed rector of St. Charles  
5 College in 1975; and he served at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory in Houston as a teacher,  
6 counselor, and school chaplain; and

7           WHEREAS, the spiritual journey of Father Jenniskens came full circle when, in  
8 1994, he returned to Grand Coteau as a member of the Spirituality Center staff, using his  
9 God-given talents to direct retreats and in leading others in the Spiritual Exercises of  
10 St. Ignatius; and

11           WHEREAS, Father Jenniskens found joy in the work of his hands by tending the  
12 grounds of St. Charles College and in his hobby of ceramics; and

13           WHEREAS, Father Jenniskens's last travel stop on Earth was at Ignatius Residence  
14 in New Orleans in 2004, where he gladly accepted the mission of praying for the church and  
15 the Society of Jesus until he was called to leave his Earthly home; and

16           WHEREAS, the spiritual journey of Father Thomas Jenniskens has reached its final  
17 destination according to Ephesians 2:6, for God has raised him up with Christ and has seated  
18 him in Heavenly places.

19           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives  
20 of the Legislature of Louisiana do hereby express their sincere condolences upon the death  
21 of the Reverend Father Thomas J. "Dutch" Jenniskens, S.J., of New Orleans, do hereby  
22 extend their most heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends, and do hereby record for  
23 posterity that, as he journeyed through life, Father Jenniskens left the footprints of Jesus  
24 everywhere he trod.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
26 to the family of the Reverend Father Thomas J. Jenniskens.

DIGEST

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