

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 148

BY SENATOR MORRISH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends St. John Vianney Catholic Church on its 75th anniversary.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend St. John Vianney Church on its 75th anniversary.

3 WHEREAS, established by the Most Reverend Jules Jeanmard, Bishop of Lafayette,
4 on October 12, 1939, St. John Vianney, with some four hundred families, is shepherded
5 today by Reverend Emanuel Tanu; and

6 WHEREAS, located in a predominantly agricultural area, St. John Vianney serves
7 the faithful from the communities of Bell City, Hayes, and Holmwood; and

8 WHEREAS, before the establishment of the parish, faithful Catholics were served
9 by priests from Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings, then Our Lady of
10 Seven Dolours Catholic Church in Welsh, and finally from St. Raphael Catholic Church in
11 Iowa; and

12 WHEREAS, a chapel, dedicated to St. Joseph, was built near the beginning of the
13 twentieth century and served the faithful until it was destroyed by a storm in 1939; and

14 WHEREAS, the Reverend Mathias J. Cramers was the founding pastor; and

15 WHEREAS, after seeing to the construction of a place to live, Father Cramers began
16 working on the church building, breaking ground on the project on August 8, 1940; and

17 WHEREAS, the construction came to a swift completion and the church was
18 dedicated by Bishop Jeanmard on December 1, 1940; and

1 WHEREAS, the parish was blessed with the leadership of an amazing array of
2 dedicated priests including Reverend Daniel Habetz, Reverend A.W.Van Buijtenen,
3 Reverend Fernand N. Gouaux, Reverend Rosaire Veilleux, Reverend Francis Bourgeois,
4 Reverend Robert Shreve, Reverend Roland Vaughn, Reverend Milton Miller, Reverend John
5 Poerio, Reverend V. Wayne LeBleu, Reverend Alan Trouille, Reverend Albert W. Borel,
6 and Reverend Augustine Mulanjanay; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Emanuel Tanu was appointed Bishop Provost in 2011; and

8 WHEREAS, St. John Vianney Catholic Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary
9 during a Mass of Thanksgiving on May 31, 2015.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
11 does hereby commend St. John Vianney Catholic Church on its 75th anniversary.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
13 Reverend Emanuel Tanu.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Cooper.

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