

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 237

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Bishop Shelton J. Fabre, the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, on being appointed archbishop of Louisville, Kentucky.

WHEREAS, Shelton J. Fabre was born on October 25, 1963, in New Roads, Louisiana; he attended Catholic schools throughout his formative years and graduated as valedictorian from Catholic High School of Point Coupée in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Fabre completed his seminary studies at St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, Louisiana, and the Katholiek Universiteit Leuven in Leuven, Belgium, and was ordained a priest on August 5, 1989, by Bishop Stanley J. Ott at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge; he also holds a master of arts degree in religious studies; and

WHEREAS, as a priest of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Bishop Fabre's parish work included service as pastor of the parishes of St. Joseph in Grosse Tete and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Maringouin, and parochial vicar at St. George Parish, St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish, and St. Joseph Cathedral; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Fabre was appointed auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of New Orleans by Pope Benedict XVI and was ordained an auxiliary bishop by Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. Louis, King of France on February 28, 2007; and

WHEREAS, after serving the Archdiocese of New Orleans for six years, Bishop Fabre was appointed bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux; he has served the Houma-Thibodaux community since his installation on October 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Fabre has served as chair of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's Ad Hoc Committee on Racism since 2018 and has been an active and effective leader of the bishop's anti-racism initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Fabre has once more been called to serve at an even higher clerical post for the Catholic Church; on February 8, 2022, he was named as archbishop-elect of the Archdiocese of Louisville by Pope Francis; he is scheduled to be installed in his new position on March 30, 2022; he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his career of service to the people of Louisiana and for his acceptance of his new role as archbishop of Louisville.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Bishop Shelton J. Fabre, the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, on being appointed archbishop of Louisville, Kentucky; does hereby further recognize Archbishop Fabre for faithfully serving the state of Louisiana for more than two decades; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue his amazing work with the most genuine support from his new faith community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the pastoral center of the Archdiocese of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES