

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY SENATOR BISHOP

A RESOLUTION

To commend Reverend Charles Andrus, S.S.J. on the fortieth anniversary of his ordination.

WHEREAS, Reverend Andrus was born in Bolden, Louisiana on May 8, 1945; and

WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, his first profession of vows took place on August 12, 1971, and his final profession occurred on February 22, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Andrus became a diaconate on April 5, 1975, and was ordained on May 8, 1976; and

WHEREAS, he entered the Deacon Internship Program on June 14, 1975, and was assigned to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Washington, DC, and also served as an associate pastor from October 1, 1978, to December 1978; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Andrus was an associate pastor at the Church of the Epiphany in New Orleans from October 1, 1976, to September 1978, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Houston, Texas, from December 10, 1978, to August 1982, and at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in New Orleans from September 1, 1982, to September 1983, where he also served as the spiritual director of the House of Studies; and

WHEREAS, he returned to Houston in 1983 and served as the pastor of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church from October 1, 1983, to September 1987, was elected Consultor General in June 1987, and served as Consultor General at The Josephite Generalate in Baltimore, Maryland from October 3, 1987, to September 1991; and

WHEREAS, from October 1, 1991, to September 1994, Reverend Andrus served as the pastor at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church in Gulfport, Mississippi, and at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Los Angeles, California, from October 1, 1994, to September 22, 2000; and

WHEREAS, he served as the director of the Office of African American Ministry and the African American Catholic Evangelization Center in Los Angeles from October 1, 2000, to October 18, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Andrus served as swingman at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Crowley, Louisiana, from December 15, 2002, to September 2003, and was the administrator pro tempore at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Houston from March 20, 2003, to September 4, 2003; and

WHEREAS, he served as pastor in an area ministry of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church and Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Houston from September 5, 2003, to October 2005, and was the vicar for African American Catholics for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston from January 1, 2005, to October 2005; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Andrus was the parochial vicar at St. Francis Xavier in Baton Rouge and a member of the SSJ Hurricane Relief Team from January 1, 2006, to August 2006, and served as the parochial vicar at Corpus Christi-Epiphany Catholic Church in New Orleans from August 11, 2006, to August 12, 2009; and

WHEREAS, he was elected as Area II Director from October 1, 2007, to June 13, 2011, and was reelected to that position and served in that capacity from June 14, 2011, to June 2015; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Andrus was interim president of St. Augustine High School in New Orleans from August 2009 to June 8, 2011, and has been serving as the pastor of Blessed Sacrament-St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in New Orleans since August 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his pastoral duties, Reverend Andrus spends his weekends in LaBeau, Louisiana, caring for his mother who is one hundred two years of age; and

WHEREAS, his interests include Zydeco music, eating crawfish, horses, and football; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Andrus is a dedicated servant having devoted his life to serving God's people, is an inspiration to the numerous parishioners he has served, and merits a special measure of commendation; and

WHEREAS, upon the celebration of Reverend Andrus' fortieth anniversary of ordination, it is appropriate to recognize his honorable leadership in the Catholic church.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Reverend Charles Andrus, S.S.J. on the celebration of his fortieth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, does hereby recognize his noble achievements and contributions in his priestly ministry, and does hereby wish him full measures of success and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Reverend Charles Andrus.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE