

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 397

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Reverend Monsignor Robert D. Massett on the occasion of his sixtieth Jubilee of Ordination.

WHEREAS, the Reverend Monsignor Robert D. Massett was born on December 6, 1938, and baptized on December 25, 1938; his home church parish was St. Cecilia Catholic Church, and he graduated as salutatorian of the Class of 1955 at Holy Cross School; and

WHEREAS, prior to discerning his vocation, Reverend Monsignor Massett studies engineering at Tulane University; he then attended St. Joseph Seminary College and received a bachelor of arts and graduated cum laude from Notre Dame Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Monsignor Massett completed his religious education at the American College of the Immaculate Conception in Louvain, Belgium, and was ordained by Archbishop Hannan on June 11, 1966; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Monsignor Massett celebrated his first mass on June 12, 1966, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church and received his priest on June 27, 1966, serving at Our Lady of the Rosary; his final assignment was as pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, where he served from 1995 until his retirement in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Monsignor Massett has also served at St. Rita in Harahan, St. Frances Cabrini, St. Mark, and the Chancery's Office of Catholic Schools, Christian Formation, and CYO; he served chaplaincies at the Serra Club, CCSCC, Cabrini High School, and Archbishop Chapelle High School; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Monsignor Massett currently serves as the priest in residence at Metairie Manor and has held this role since 2016; he is known as "The Marryin' Priest" for having officiated at more than one thousand five hundred weddings; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Monsignor Robert D. Massett is most deserving of recognition for dedicating six decades of service in Catholic ministry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Reverend Monsignor Robert D. Massett on the occasion of his sixtieth Jubilee of Ordination and does hereby extend sincere wishes that he remain happy, healthy, and prosperous as he continues to fulfill his vocational duties.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES