HLS 14RS-1540 ORIGINAL

Regular Session, 2014

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Sister Vera Butler upon being named Hibernian of the Year

A RESOLUTION

2	To commend Sister Vera Butler upon being named Hibernian of the Year by the Louisiana
3	Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.
4	WHEREAS, the Ancient Order of Hibernians was established in 1565 when every
5	effort was being made by the English government to strike intelligence, patriotism, and
6	civilization from the minds of native Irish; and
7	WHEREAS, the Ancient Order of Hibernians was organized in America on May 4,
8	1836, in New York City at St. James Church, and founded in New Orleans in 1876 despite
9	contending with difficulties during its early existence in this country; and
10	WHEREAS, the Ancient Order of Hibernians aims to protect the priesthood and their
11	sacred duties, along with the execution of those rites and ceremonies that are instituted by
12	the Catholic Church for observance by the faithful throughout the world; and
13	WHEREAS, the preservation of the Catholic religion in Ireland is due in large
14	measure to the Ancient Order of Hibernians; and
15	WHEREAS, the Ancient Order of Hibernians has continued to grow and prosper,
16	while becoming the largest and most influential body of men of Irish lineage in the world;
17	and
18	WHEREAS, the Ancient Order of Hibernians is an American fraternal organization
19	that aims to assist honorably and peacefully by promoting the interests and welfare of
20	persons with Irish heritage; and

1	WHEREAS, each year, the Ancient Order of Hibernians selects one person who best
2	represents the Order and its core beliefs; and
3	WHEREAS, Sister Vera Butler has been selected by the Louisiana Division of the
4	Ancient Order of Hibernians as "Hibernian of the Year"; and
5	WHEREAS, Sister Vera Butler was born in Portmagee, County Kerry, Ireland, where
6	she taught until 1970; and
7	WHEREAS, Sister Vera Butler became a founding sister of the Presentation Sisters'
8	mission in Colorado, she taught and managed the Presentation Sisters' boarding school for
9	high school girls in Ireland, and she served as a school principal in Georgia; and
10	WHEREAS, Sister Vera Butler helps rebuild lives through her encouraging,
11	comforting, and compassionate presence; and
12	WHEREAS, in New Orleans, Sister Vera Butler first served as the Development
13	Director for the congregation's U.S. Province and later became the Outreach Coordinator for
14	St. Joseph's Church, a position she held for fifteen years; and
15	WHEREAS, Sister Vera Butler was instrumental in establishing the Rebuild Center,
16	a full service day facility located behind St. Joseph's Church that offers support to
17	impoverished people; and
18	WHEREAS, Sister Vera Butler's unbreakable faith fuels her positive energy and
19	drive; and
20	WHEREAS, Sister Vera Butler and her fellow sisters strongly believe that their lives
21	are enriched by the work they do with hundreds of people in need who visit the Rebuild
22	Center.
23	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
24	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Sister Vera Butler on being named
25	"Hibernian of the Year" by the Louisiana Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.
26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
27	to Sister Vera Butler.

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