

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 106

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Father Howard Wesley Byrd, SSJ, on the fiftieth anniversary of his priestly ministry

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Father Howard Wesley Byrd, SSJ, on the fiftieth anniversary of his priestly
3 ministry.

4 WHEREAS, Father Howard Wesley Byrd, of the Society of Saint Joseph (SSJ), was
5 ordained on May 10, 1975, and has been a part of the St. Augustine High School community
6 for his entire priesthood; and

7 WHEREAS, Father Byrd is a native of Washington, D.C., and he arrived in New
8 Orleans as a shy and humble man of God; since moving to Louisiana, he has served many
9 of the Josephite parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans; and

10 WHEREAS, in fifty years as an educator, Father Byrd has taught thousands of young
11 men at St. Augustine High School, and although he is not an alumnus of the school, he is
12 undoubtedly the quintessential Purple Knight and a true icon of the institution; and

13 WHEREAS, through fifty years of ministry, Father Byrd has been blessed to
14 celebrate the sacraments with hundreds of students and their families, and he has lost count
15 of the number of baptisms, weddings, funerals, and first communions for which he served
16 as the celebrant; and

17 WHEREAS, Father Byrd is a spiritual father to the students and alumni of
18 St. Augustine High School and a brother to all Christians in the city of New Orleans; he is
19 most deserving of the highest recognition for living out the message of his faith with the
20 most genuine passion and dedication.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Father Howard Wesley Byrd, SSJ, on the
3 fiftieth anniversary of his priestly ministry and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for
4 his contributions to St. Augustine High School and the city of New Orleans.

DIGEST

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Commends Fr. Howard Wesley Byrd, SSJ, on the 50th anniversary of his priestly ministry.