

House Resolution No. 3824

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a servant of the Lord; and

Whereas, Father Thomas W. Hermes of Clinton, Missouri, has distinguished himself for the past thirteen years as pastor of the Holy Rosary Parish in Clinton, St. Catherine Parish in Osceola, and St. Bartholomew Parish in Windsor, roles which he will draw to a close when he accepts the duties and responsibilities which go with a new pastoral assignment at St. Columban Parish in Chillicothe; and

Whereas, Father Hermes was ordained by Bishop John J. Sullivan of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, as a Diocesan Priest on June 5, 1982; and

Whereas, on January 15, 1992, Father Hermes was assigned to the Holy Rosary at St. Bartholomew and St. Catherine Parishes and assumed his leadership role in the many missions of these parishes including Holy Rosary Elementary School; and

Whereas, a former member of the Board of Directors for FAITH (Families Assisted in Transitional Housing), Incorporated, Father Hermes serves as President of the Board of Directors for the Henry County Samaritan Center and the Heart of Missouri Office of Catholic Charities in Warrensburg, as Chairman of Project Tons of Help, and as Treasurer of the Clinton Ministerial Alliance, where he has served in numerous capacities; and

Whereas, Father Hermes has also enjoyed recognition for his involvement with the National Catholic Youth Bi-Annual Conferences in St. Louis, Indianapolis, Houston, and Atlanta; Royal Oaks Hospital in Windsor; the Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare Adult and Adolescent Center in Clinton; and the Boy Scouts of America organization, which awarded him the St. George Emblem Award and the Award of Merit and where he served as Religious Activities Chairman and as Director and Advisor of Venture Crew 2235; and

Whereas, it is most fitting for this legislative body to extend to Father Tom Hermes our blessings, good wishes, and heartfelt gratitude for providing superb spiritual guidance to countless parishioners of the 120th District during the past thirteen years:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to congratulate Father Thomas Hermes on his transfer to St. Columban Parish in Chillicothe and in wishing him and his new congregation only the very best as they continue to serve the Christian mission; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Father Thomas W. Hermes.

Offered by _____
Representative Shannon Cooper
District No. 120

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3824, adopted June 22, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker