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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

THANKING REVEREND FARRELL EDWARD MCLAUGHLIN FOR FIFTY YEARS OF
FAITHFUL SERVICE TO GOD AND THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Kennedy, Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Edwards, Corvese,
Blazejewski, Kazarian, Filippi, Price, and Messier

Date Introduced: May 11, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, On May 22nd of 1971, Reverend Farrell Edward McLaughlin was ordained
2 to the Holy Priesthood by then Bishop Bernard M. Kelley, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence. Over
3 the next fifty years, Father McLaughlin guided parishioners in their walk with the Lord,
4 celebrated the joys of life with them, and comforted them in times of sickness and tragedy; and

5 WHEREAS, Father McLaughlin was born in Providence on August 12th of 1944, the son
6 of Edward McLaughlin and Angela Gearin. He attended LaSalle Academy, graduated from Our
7 Lady of Providence Seminary in 1967, and from St. Mary Seminary in 1971. He was ordained in
8 St. Joseph Church in Pascoag, Rhode Island; and

9 WHEREAS, Throughout the course of his distinguished career, Father McLaughlin
10 served with distinction in numerous parishes and capacities across Rhode Island. He has been a
11 Chaplain, Parish Priest, Pastor and school teacher for many years. In addition, he has been very
12 active in the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Ministry; and

13 WHEREAS, Since his retirement as the Pastor of Our Lady of Victory and St. Vincent de
14 Paul Church in 2015, Father McLaughlin has celebrated masses on weekends for the Diocese of
15 Providence, and has worked with the organization Cross Catholic Outreach, delivering food, and
16 providing shelter, comfort and hope to the most impoverished throughout the world; and

17 WHEREAS, Father McLaughlin has spent the past fifty years serving the Lord, the
18 Church, and parishioners with love, kindness and untiring service, and has enriched the spiritual
19 lives of many Rhode Islanders. In joyous celebration of the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination,

1 Father McLaughlin will be celebrating a Mass at the Church of Saint Joseph in Pascoag, Rhode
2 Island, on May 23rd, 2021; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
4 honors and thanks the Reverend Farrell Edward McLaughlin for fifty years of faithful service to
5 God and the people of Rhode Island. We moreover wish him good health and many more years of
6 devoted service to his fellow man; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Reverend Farrell Edward McLaughlin.

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