

House Resolution 584

By: Representatives Parsons of the 29th, Dooley of the 33rd, Post 3, and Smith of the 87th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Catholic Church of the Transfiguration of Our Lord for 25 years of faithful
2 Christian service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on September 29, 1977, the Catholic Church of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
4 was established to serve the needs of the people in northeast Cobb County; and

5 WHEREAS, the first Mass was celebrated in a banquet room of the Save Inn Motel on
6 Highway 41 from which the church progressed through a series of moves to modest facilities;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, during Holy Week of 1980, the parishioners moved into its Family Life Center,
9 affectionately called the "Tin Tent," and in 1984, they moved into their current church
10 building on Blackwell Road in Marietta, Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, over the past 25 years, Transfiguration has had three outstanding pastors: Father
12 Ray Horan, the founding pastor; Monsignor Henry Gracz; and Monsignor Patrick Bishop,
13 the current pastor; and

14 WHEREAS, Transfiguration began with 45 families making up its membership and has
15 grown to include 4100 families, making it one of the largest parishes in the Archdiocese of
16 Atlanta; and

17 WHEREAS, when Transfiguration was established there were 20 ministries within the
18 church, today there are over 60 ministries, and its Outreach Program includes support to
19 communities both local and international; and

20 WHEREAS, amid all of its remarkable growth, Transfiguration retains the warmth and
21 hospitality that have been its defining characteristics since its inception; and

1 WHEREAS, the parishioners are united in their dedication to their charge of preserving and
2 nurturing this tradition of hospitality and service as they travel together in their faith journey.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body honor and congratulate the Catholic Church of the Transfiguration
5 of Our Lord for 25 years of faithful service and express their appreciation for its outstanding
6 contributions to Cobb County and the State of Georgia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Monsignor Patrick Bishop.