

House Resolution 672

By: Representatives Smith of the 110th, Buck of the 112th, Hugley of the 113th, Buckner of the 109th, and Smyre of the 111th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Paying tribute to Sister Mary Philomena Fogarty; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Sister Mary Philomena Fogarty of Franciscan Missionary of Mary, Emmanuel
3 Community, Hamilton, Georgia, died tragically on March 26, 2003 in Virginia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she was born in Cork, Ireland, the daughter of Margaret Marshall and Patrick
5 Fogarty and she entered the Institute of Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in Ireland at the age
6 of 18 and was to celebrate her 50th anniversary as a nun this August; and
- 7 WHEREAS, prior to her assignment in Georgia, she taught school in Japan for 17 years and
8 accepted her assignment to Georgia over 20 years ago where she began teaching in
9 Columbus, Georgia before coming to Christ the King in Hamilton 16 years ago; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she cultivated and nurtured the Catholic faithful in Harris County and west
11 Georgia at Christ the King Catholic Church in the Diocese of Savannah providing spiritual
12 guidance, understanding, hope, compassion, and faith to persons from all walks of life; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she founded the Harris County Seniors Center, served with Habitat for
14 Humanity, and assisted Focus in providing clothing for families; and she recently founded
15 a women's prison ministry at Muscogee County Jail believing in the inherent worth of all
16 human beings, the forgiveness of sin, and the possibility of grace; and
- 17 WHEREAS, this remarkable spiritual leader influenced the lives of countless individuals
18 through her religious teachings, encouragement, counsel, and comforting messages and her
19 generosity of spirit serves as an inspiration for us all and renews our faith.
- 20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 this body pays tribute to the life and noble deeds of Sister Mary Philomena Fogarty and
22 conveys heartfelt sympathy to the congregation at Christ the King Church in Hamilton.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Christ the King Church.