

House Resolution 738

By: Representative Millar of the 79th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Monsignor R. Donald Kiernan; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Monsignor R. Donald Kiernan was born on December 24, 1924, in
4 Taunton, Massachusetts, the beloved son of Thomas F. and Lena V. Kiernan; and

5 WHEREAS, a graduate of Coyle High School, Reverend Kiernan earned a bachelor's degree
6 from Providence College before entering Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Maryland; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Kiernan was ordained on May 4, 1949, by Richard Cardinal Cushing,
8 Archbishop of Boston at Holy Cross Cathedral, in Boston, Massachusetts; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout his dedicated years of service to God and His people, Reverend
10 Kiernan has served as pastor of numerous parishes throughout Georgia, including All Saints
11 Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, and St. Peter's, St. Anna's, St. Joseph's, St.
12 Bernadette's, St. Michael's, St. Anthony's, St. Jude's Churches; and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Kiernan's service has been recognized with several awards and
14 honors, including the Prelate of Honor bestowed by Pope Paul VI, the Prothonotary
15 Apostolic bestowed by Pope John Paul I, a Howard "Red" Atherton Award, a Cardinal
16 McCloskey Award, and a Vicar General distinction; and

17 WHEREAS, passionate about serving the men and women in law enforcement who dedicate
18 their lives to public service, Reverend Kiernan has been appointed Chaplain by the
19 International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Georgia State Patrol, the Georgia Bureau
20 of Investigation, the DeKalb Police Department, the Atlanta office of Alcohol, Tobacco, and
21 Firearms, Emergency Medical Technicians, and the FBI; and

22 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in assisting the Georgia General Assembly in passing a bill
23 allowing Chaplains to be certified by the state's Peace Officer Standards Training Council,
24 making Chaplains in Georgia the first in the nation to be certified; and

25 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Kiernan for the past 60
26 years has been a source of strength, inspiration, and direction for persons in all walks of life
27 and from all economic strata, and he continues to serve as an inspiration to countless
28 Georgians and Americans each day with his acts of kindness and compassion.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend Reverend Monsignor R. Donald Kiernan for his
31 unparalleled record of community service and his innumerable good works rendered on
32 behalf of persons in need; congratulate him for 60 years of service to God, His people, and
33 the State of Georgia; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health
34 and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to
36 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Monsignor R. Donald Kiernan.