

HOUSE No. 5166

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 23, 1972.

The committee on Rules to whom were referred the order Resolutions (filed by Mr. Guilmette of Lawrence) congratulating St. Patrick's Parish of Lawrence on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary (House, No. 5166), report that the same ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

THOMAS W. MCGEE

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

RESOLUTIONS CONGRATULATING ST. PATRICK'S PARISH OF LAWRENCE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

1 *Whereas*, St. Patrick's Parish of Lawrence is observing its O
2 Hundredth Anniversary during the current year; and

3 *Whereas*, For several years prior to achieving its status as a
4 separate parish in 1872, St. Patrick's was a mission of the
5 Immaculate Conception Church and subsequently of St. Mary's
6 Church and the first Mass was celebrated at the present location
7 on Christmas Day, 1869 by Father William Orr who is intimately
8 identified with its beginnings; and

9 *Whereas*, While Reverend Michael F. McManus was Pastor, the
10 present edifice was dedicated on June 17, 1894, in 1906 St.
11 Patrick's Grammar School was established and the high school
12 opened its doors in 1925 but was closed in 1971; and

13 *Whereas*, From such humble beginnings, St. Patrick's Church
14 has grown rapidly and is a tribute to the parishioners and the
15 devoted clergy and the Sisters of Charity of Halifax, who have
16 given unselfishly and with great dedication to making the church
17 a thriving integral part of the religious and cultural life of the city
18 of Lawrence; therefore be it

19 *Resolved*, That the Massachusetts House of Representatives
20 hereby extends its sincere congratulations to the Pastor, Rever-
21 end Monsignor Joseph P. Burke, J. C. D. and his assistants, to the
22 Sisters of Charity of Halifax, and the parishioners of St. Patrick's
23 Church of Lawrence on the occasion of its One Hundredth
24 Anniversary and hopes that the future will hold the same con-
25 solations for the parishioners of the church as the past did
26 their forefathers; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent forthwith
28 by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to Reverend Monsignor
29 Joseph P. Burke, J. C. D., Pastor of St. Patrick's Church.