

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 768

Recognizing that Monsignor Diomartich through his passion of spreading the word of God, has inspired and guided the residents of Los Angeles and has brought unity and pride to the Croatian community.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 2, 2014

Ms. HAHN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Recognizing that Monsignor Diomartich through his passion of spreading the word of God, has inspired and guided the residents of Los Angeles and has brought unity and pride to the Croatian community.

Whereas Monsignor Felix S. Diomartich is the oldest priest in Los Angeles, California, and the Sibenik region of Croatia;

Whereas Monsignor Diomartich was born on November 2, 1914, in Zlarin, Croatia, making him 100 years old;

Whereas Monsignor Diomartich is celebrating 77 years of service in the priesthood;

Whereas Monsignor Diomartich began his life's journey at the parish of Vodice as the Associate Pastor;

Whereas Monsignor Diomartich earned two doctorate degrees theology and church law at the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy, and obtained the title of the lawyer of the Sacra Romana Rota;

Whereas after Monsignor Diomartich came to the United States and served at three parishes in the Archdiocese of New York before he was invited to serve at St. Anthony Croatian Church in Los Angeles, California;

Whereas Monsignor Diomartich served for 36 years as an administrator and as a pastor at St. Anthony Croatian Church;

Whereas Monsignor Diomartich supported organizations such as the St. Ann's Altar Society for Women and the Holy Name Society for Men;

Whereas Monsignor Diomartich founded two new societies for United States-born young adults called the Anthonians and the St. Anthony's Women's Guild;

Whereas Monsignor Diomartich's other accomplishments at the parish include the St. Anthony's Annual Picnic Festival, the building of a new rectory, and remodeling and expanding the original parish hall;

Whereas Pope Paul VI awarded Monsignor Diomartich the title of Monsignor in 1978;

Whereas the Croatian National Association and Foundation awarded Monsignor Diomartich with its Lifetime Achievement award in 2008; and

Whereas although Monsignor Diomartich has retired from its administration, he continues to reside at the St. Anthony Croatian Church, helping with masses and confessions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
2 nizes that Monsignor Diomartich through his passion of
3 spreading the word of God, has inspired and guided the
4 residents of Los Angeles and has brought unity and pride
5 to the Croatian community.

