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TRIBUTE TO FATHER LAWRENCE T. FARES

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR (Extension of Remarks - April 25, 1990)

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in the House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1990

- Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated individual, Father Lawrence T. Fares. Father Fares is celebrating his 40th year as a priest.
- Lawrence T. Fares was born in 1925 in Kobayath, Akkar, North Lebanon. In 1940, he graduated from St. Elias' College, Tripoli, as a student of humanities. Then in 1944 he graduated from St. Joseph's College with a M.A. and B.A. in philosophy, arts and languages. Later he attended the International University of Theology in Rome where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1950.
- He immigrated to the United States in 1969. His first assignment in the archdiocese as an associate pastor was to Lady of Good Counsel in Detroit, where he worked for 8 years. Father Fares' assignments since then include: St. Louis, Mount Clemens for 6 months; Assumption Grotto for 6 years; and Our Lady Queen of Hearon for 6 months. Since January 25, 1985, he has pastored St. Thomas the Apostle with Holy Name on Van Dyke. He has also run a mission for those in the community at Holy Redeemer on Junction/Vernor since 1977.
- Forty years after Father Fares was ordained, he will become the new pastor of St. Ronald Parish Community in Fraser, MI. It is an honor to have such a dedicated individual as a member of our community.
- I commend Father Fares on his inspirational leadership. His is a touchstone in our community and will long be remembered as a true friend.