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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, On November 7, 2021, the members of St. Ann's
2 Catholic Church in Midland are celebrating the 125th anniversary of
3 the parish's founding, and this significant milestone is indeed
4 deserving of special recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, The church's history dates back to 1896, when the
6 cornerstone for a mission was laid at 417 East Texas Avenue and
7 dedicated in honor of St. Ann; in 1933, the parish was renamed
8 St. George's Catholic Church after its benefactor, Monsignor
9 George O'Brien, but the original name was restored when the church
10 moved to West Texas Avenue in 1948; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the years, the congregation grew, and a new
12 sanctuary was built in 1959; constructed in the shape of a cross,
13 the building features marble altars and hand-carved wooden statues,
14 which were imported from Italy; in addition, figures of St. Ann and
15 the Blessed Virgin stand outside, and a shrine of the church's
16 patron saint greets parishioners at the entrance; and

17 WHEREAS, The members of this notable house of worship have
18 established a variety of commendable ministries and initiatives
19 that foster fellowship, offer help to those in need, and benefit the
20 community; moreover, in 1950, the church founded St. Ann's School,
21 which today provides an education for approximately 400 children
22 from preschool to eighth grade; and

23 WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished history, St. Ann's
24 Catholic Church has served as a source of inspiration,

1 encouragement, and guidance to those who worship there, and its
2 continued existence is a testament to the unwavering commitment of
3 its members and clergy, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas,
5 2nd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of
6 St. Ann's Catholic Church and extend to its congregation sincere
7 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives and Senate.