

By: Craddick

H.C.R. No. 21

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Monsignor Larry J. Droll of St. Ann's Catholic  
2 Parish in Midland is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his  
3 ordination as a priest on June 15, 2023, and this occasion truly  
4 merits special recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, After graduating from St. John's High School  
6 Seminary in San Antonio, Larry Droll studied at Assumption Seminary  
7 and St. John's Seminary in Collegeville, Minnesota; along the way,  
8 he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from St. Mary's  
9 University and a master's degree in theology from St. John's  
10 University; he was ordained as a deacon in 1972 and as a priest in  
11 1973; he went on to receive his licentiate in canon law from the  
12 Catholic University of America in 1989; and

13 WHEREAS, Among his many honors, he was designated Chaplain to  
14 His Holiness and awarded the title of monsignor by Pope John Paul II  
15 on November 23, 1989; six years later, he was appointed as a Prelate  
16 of Honor, and in 2008, he was elevated to the prestigious title of  
17 Protonotary Apostolic; and

18 WHEREAS, Monsignor Droll served as a pastor at a number of  
19 churches in San Angelo, Ozona, and Wall before taking on his current  
20 role as a pastor at St. Ann's Catholic Parish in Midland; his many  
21 responsibilities have included his diocesan assignments as a member  
22 of the Presbyteral Council, the College of Consultors, and the  
23 Priest Pension Plan Administrative Board, as well as his tribunal  
24 assignment as a collegiate judge; in addition, he distinguished

1 himself through his service as a chancellor and vicar general, and  
2 he played an instrumental role in establishing a partnership  
3 between the Diocese of San Angelo and the Diocese of San Pedro Sula  
4 in Honduras; and

5         WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his community, Monsignor Droll  
6 has served as a chaplain for several Knights of Columbus Councils as  
7 well as the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of  
8 St. Catherine of Siena; he has also been involved with the  
9 Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Leadership San  
10 Angelo, the San Angelo Symphony Chorale, the School Health Advisory  
11 Council of the Wall Independent School District, and the board of  
12 directors of the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas; and

13         WHEREAS, Over the course of the past five decades, Monsignor  
14 Larry Droll has wholeheartedly committed his talents and energies  
15 to the spiritual enrichment of others, and his strong faith and  
16 compassion have benefited countless people; now, therefore, be it

17         RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
18 hereby congratulate Monsignor Larry J. Droll on the 50th  
19 anniversary of his ordination as a priest and extend to him sincere  
20 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

21         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Monsignor Droll as an expression of high regard by the  
23 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.