

By: Martinez

H.R. No. 431

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived may help to comfort
2 those saddened by the passing of the Reverend Howard Leroy
3 Bloomquist of Weslaco on February 15, 2023, at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Rockford, Illinois, on May 8, 1942, Howard
5 Bloomquist was the son of Elmer and Georgia Bloomquist, and he grew
6 up with the companionship of a brother, George; in 1963, he was
7 joined in marriage to Delores Kraemer, and the couple went on to
8 share a fulfilling union that spanned nearly six decades; they were
9 blessed with four children, Kristine, Kevin, Kirk, and the late
10 Craig Alan Bloomquist, and their family later grew to include five
11 grandchildren, Brittany, Blake, Brock, Brooke, and Braxton, and two
12 great-grandchildren, Averee and Addisyn; and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Bloomquist earned a bachelor's degree in
14 theology from Minnesota Bible College; he began his ministerial
15 career in Concord, Minnesota, and went on to pastor in other cities
16 in the state with additional stops in Illinois and Indiana; along
17 the way, he served as chaplain at a state penitentiary and as an
18 emergency medical technician; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1990, Reverend Bloomquist became the minister at
20 First Christian Church in Weslaco; he eventually founded Central
21 Christian Church, which continues to thrive today, and he served
22 the congregation as pastor until his retirement in 2015; for many
23 years, he was the chaplain of the Weslaco Police Department, John
24 Knox Village, and Knapp Medical Center; he gave generously of his

1 time and talents to the community in countless other capacities,
2 including as a Weslaco Area Chamber of Commerce "Red Coat"
3 ambassador and as an active member of the Weslaco Rotary Club; in
4 2010, he was selected as the Weslaco Outstanding Citizen of the
5 Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Howard Bloomquist lived a rich and purposeful life
7 devoted to his family, his faith, and his community, and he will be
8 deeply missed by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Reverend Howard
11 Leroy Bloomquist and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones;
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the
16 Reverend Howard Bloomquist.