

By: Bohac

H.R. No. 12

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In celebration of the 25th anniversary of his  
2 ordination to the priesthood, the Reverend Monsignor James B. "Jim"  
3 Anderson was guest of honor at several events on June 29, 2003, at  
4 his parish; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Sherman, he joined the Catholic Church  
6 at the age of 12, graduated from Strake Jesuit College Preparatory,  
7 and enrolled at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston; he earned a  
8 bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of St. Thomas  
9 in 1974 and pursued additional studies in Rome at Gregorian  
10 University; and

11           WHEREAS, Ordained to the priesthood at his home parish of St.  
12 Ambrose in 1978, Monsignor Anderson earned a licentiate degree in  
13 theology from Gregorian University and later went on to receive a  
14 doctorate in theology from that noted institution; he served as a  
15 parish priest in Texas City for several years and from 1985 to 1989  
16 worked in the secretariat of state of His Holiness Pope John Paul II  
17 in the Vatican; and

18           WHEREAS, Monsignor Anderson returned to Houston in 1989,  
19 where he taught theology at the University of St. Thomas and St.  
20 Mary's Seminary, assisted with the pastoral ministries of several  
21 parishes in the diocese, and served the Church of the Annunciation  
22 in the role of an assistant; and

23           WHEREAS, On June 1, 1999, he began his service as pastor of  
24 St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, and in June 2000 he was named a

1 prelate of honor by the Pope, who conferred on him the title of  
2 reverend monsignor; today, along with his pastoral duties, he  
3 teaches at the University of St. Thomas and serves in the capacity  
4 of secretary of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council; and

5 WHEREAS, He is an Eagle Scout and received the Ad Altare Dei  
6 Award for Catholic scouts and was chosen as a member of the Order of  
7 the Arrow; in the year 2000, he was a recipient of the St. George  
8 Emblem in recognition of his exemplary contributions to the  
9 spiritual development of Catholic youth in the scouting program;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Monsignor Anderson continually demonstrates a deep  
12 commitment to his life's calling, and it is a pleasure to join in  
13 paying tribute to him at this time; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
15 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Reverend  
16 Monsignor James B. Anderson on the joyous occasion of the 25th  
17 anniversary of his ordination in the priesthood and extend to him  
18 sincere best wishes for success and fulfillment in the years to  
19 come; and, be it further

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