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H.R. No. 1057

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of the Reverend Francis Strafalace of
2 Houston on April 18, 2003, has brought a great loss to the many
3 friends and relatives of this esteemed Texas clergyman; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Strafalace was a native of Pittsburgh,
5 Pennsylvania, who answered the call to the ministry after serving
6 in the United States Navy; born Frederick Strafalace, he took the
7 name Francis as his religious name on ordination in the community of
8 Priests of the Sacred Heart; and

9 WHEREAS, During his nearly 50 years in the priesthood, he
10 served the spiritual needs of Native Americans in South Dakota and
11 the underprivileged of inner-city Detroit; and

12 WHEREAS, For the past 10 years, Reverend Strafalace made his
13 home at the historic Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, one of the oldest
14 Hispanic churches in Houston; he developed a special bond with the
15 elderly parishioners, continuing to serve these *abuelitos* long
16 after he reached the age of retirement; and

17 WHEREAS, A man of immense vision and devotion, Reverend
18 Strafalace left an indelible mark on the community he was proud to
19 call home, and though he is gone from us now, his memory will surely
20 endure in the hearts and minds of all who knew and loved him; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor the life of the Reverend Francis
24 Strafalace and extend sincere sympathy to his family: to his

1 brothers, Dominic and James Strafalace; to his sisters, Clara
2 Brodan and Rose Demma; and to his many parishioners and friends;
3 and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 presented to his family and that when the Texas House of
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the
7 Reverend Francis Strafalace.