

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 141

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on the occasion of its 110th Parish Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church has its roots in the work of several priests that began in 1892 when Reverend Charles Kacer would travel to Caldwell to celebrate the Mass in various locations, from private homes to empty stores to the Caldwell Opera House; and

WHEREAS, In 1895, a small wooden church was built through the generosity of parish members, and the first Mass in the new church was offered on August 1 of that year; in the Galveston Storm of 1900, the church and its contents were demolished, except for a beautiful painting of Our Lady of Lourdes; the painting was placed upon the altar of the next church; it was renovated and placed in the present church when the church was built in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church has ministered faithfully to the spiritual needs of innumerable people; and

WHEREAS, Due to the guidance and wise stewardship of its former pastors and to the outstanding leadership of its current pastor, Father Dimitrij Colankin, the church has continued to grow and play a vital role in the life of the community; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church has become an invaluable source of strength for church members during their hardships and in times of bereavement and is a place

of celebration for them during times of abundance; now,
therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,
79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend best wishes
to the clergy and members of Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Church on the joyous occasion of its 110th Parish
Anniversary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for
the church as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on July 20, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate