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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members, friends, and students of All Saints
2 Catholic Church and School in Dallas are celebrating the parish's
3 30th anniversary in 2006, and this significant milestone is truly
4 deserving of special recognition; and

5 WHEREAS, During its anniversary year, All Saints is hosting
6 an auction and gala, during which the congregation will honor the
7 membership's longstanding commitment to spiritual and moral
8 values; and

9 WHEREAS, All Saints Catholic Church was founded in 1976 by
10 Bishop Thomas Tschoepe and today serves approximately 8,000
11 individuals in the community; the church currently enjoys the
12 spiritual guidance and direction of Pastor Tom Cloherty and hosts a
13 religious education program and services in its North Dallas
14 location; and

15 WHEREAS, To meet the growing needs of the area's
16 schoolchildren, the church opened All Saints Catholic School in
17 August 1998, with the goal of providing a quality Christian
18 education to offspring of parishioners and other members of the
19 community; and

20 WHEREAS, Leaders of the parish organized school advisory and
21 finance councils, as well as a land acquisition team, and
22 eventually obtained a special use permit from the city to use 10
23 classrooms in the church for educational purposes; a new
24 52,000-square-foot school situated on 14 acres of land was opened

1 in August 2004; and

2 WHEREAS, Enrollment began with 56 students and has since
3 grown to more than 400 children; under the leadership of principal
4 Martie Owan, the school serves children enrolled in kindergarten
5 through the eighth grade and also includes an extensive preschool
6 program for those just embarking on their educational years; and

7 WHEREAS, The All Saints school conveys the principal
8 teachings of the Catholic faith in a challenging academic
9 environment and is dedicated to nurturing each student's spiritual,
10 intellectual, social, moral, emotional, and physical development;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, While enriching their knowledge of a core
13 curriculum, students also receive a quality religious education and
14 are encouraged to use the teachings of the church as a foundation
15 for decision-making, self-control, and the creation of a more just
16 society; and

17 WHEREAS, The church and its members have been instrumental in
18 the establishment of numerous programs for the betterment of the
19 congregation and the greater community; the parish currently
20 provides aid to 10 different charitable agencies on local,
21 national, and international levels; and

22 WHEREAS, Since their inception, All Saints Catholic Church
23 and School have provided spiritual leadership and unwavering
24 support to those who have worshiped and studied there, and the
25 institutions stand as a tribute to the dedication and deep
26 commitment of the church's members, both past and present, who have
27 devoted their time, prayers, and financial resources to ensure

1 their continued existence; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor All Saints Catholic
4 Church and School on the occasion of the parish's 30th anniversary
5 and extend to all those associated with this venerable institution
6 sincere best wishes for a successful auction and gala; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for All Saints Catholic Church and School as an expression
10 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.