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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected as the 265th
2 Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church on April 19, 2005, and
3 he has chosen the name Benedict XVI; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on April 16, 1927, in Germany, Pope Benedict
5 XVI is the first German pope in centuries; he grew up in Traunstein
6 and studied philosophy and theology at the University of Munich and
7 at the higher school of philosophy and theology in Freising; in
8 1951, he was ordained a priest and, two years later, obtained a
9 doctorate in theology; from 1957 to 1969, this learned man taught
10 dogma and fundamental theology at universities in several German
11 cities, and, in 1969, he was appointed a professor of dogmatic
12 theology and history at the University of Regensburg, where he also
13 served as vice president; and

14 WHEREAS, Cardinal Ratzinger was already well known in 1962
15 when, at the Vatican Council II at the age of 35, he became a
16 consultor to the Archbishop of Cologne; in 1977, Pope Paul VI
17 appointed him Archbishop of Munich and Freising, making him the
18 first diocesan priest in 80 years to take over the pastoral ministry
19 of this large Bavarian diocese; that same year, he was proclaimed a
20 cardinal by the pope; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1981, Cardinal Ratzinger was nominated by Pope
22 John Paul II to serve as prefect of the Congregation for the
23 Doctrine of the Faith and as president of the Biblical Commission
24 and of the Pontifical International Theological Commission; he was

1 named vice dean of the College of Cardinals in 1998 and John Paul
2 approved his election as its dean in 2002; and

3 WHEREAS, Chosen on the second day of the conclave by the
4 college of 115 cardinals from 52 countries, Pope Benedict XVI was
5 one of the closest associates of John Paul II as well as his chief
6 theological advisor for more than two decades, and he will
7 undoubtedly carry on his predecessor's traditional theological
8 teachings and promote human dignity across the world as he leads the
9 church and its 1.1 billion followers in this new millenium; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
12 hereby honor His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on his election to the
13 papacy.