

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Meredith Garmon and LoraKim Joyner of El Paso chose
2 to leave their successful careers and embrace the ministry,
3 pursuing lives of service; and

4 WHEREAS, Meredith Garmon was an assistant professor of
5 philosophy at Fisk University in Nashville when he answered the
6 call to serve and began to study to become a minister; his wife and
7 cominister at the Unitarian Universalist Community of El Paso,
8 LoraKim Joyner, had a similar experience: she worked as an avian
9 veterinarian for a parrot conservation program in Guatemala before
10 returning to the United States and taking theology classes; and

11 WHEREAS, Drawing on the nurturing elements of their previous
12 vocations, this devoted couple are committed to helping their
13 congregation; caring for others is a humbling experience, and
14 through their work, the ministers have acknowledged that they are
15 always learning how to better serve their congregants, while
16 continuing to gain insight into their own lives; and

17 WHEREAS, Meredith Garmon and LoraKim Joyner take joy in
18 providing spiritual guidance and kindness to the members of their
19 community; they are truly an inspiration to all those who are
20 fortunate enough to know them, and it is a pleasure to honor them
21 for their compassion and goodwill; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor Meredith Garmon and LoraKim Joyner on
24 their contributions as ministers and extend to them sincere best

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1 wishes for continued happiness and fulfillment; and, be it further
2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Mr. Garmon and Ms. Joyner as an expression of high
4 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 568 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House