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H.R. No. 373

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, During his years in the Christian ministry, the
2 Reverend Joe Nathan Ferrell, Jr., of Alice has faithfully served
3 the spiritual concerns of his community, and his compassionate
4 regard for the welfare of others has touched many lives; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of H. B. Pemberton High School in
6 Marshall, Reverend Ferrell studied at Southwest Theological
7 Seminary in Fort Worth and was ordained to preach in 1950; since
8 that time, he has led churches in California, Arizona, Washington,
9 and his home state of Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Ferrell currently serves as the associate
11 minister of Brooks African Methodist Episcopal Worship Center in
12 Corpus Christi and First Christian Church in Alice; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to meeting the needs of his
14 parishioners, Reverend Ferrell is active in a number of religious
15 and civic organizations; the cofounder of the Community Coalition
16 2000, Inc., he has served on the Planning and Zoning Commission,
17 Advisory Council of Law Enforcement, Crime Stoppers, and on the
18 board of the South Texas Museum; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Ferrell has given further by organizing the
20 first Black History Celebration at the Bethel African Methodist
21 Episcopal Church in Alice, assisting in the establishment of a
22 historical site at George Washington Carver Elementary School, and
23 lending a helping hand to the victims of Hurricane Katrina; and

24 WHEREAS, His efforts have been recognized by the Black

1 History Committee, elected officials, and the City of Alice, which
2 renamed a street in his honor; and

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Ferrell is a dedicated advocate for young
4 and old alike; he works to make a better world for all, and his
5 contributions to his congregants and fellow citizens cannot be
6 overstated; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize the Reverend Joe Nathan Ferrell, Jr.,
9 for his important church and community service and extend to him
10 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Reverend Ferrell as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.