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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2007 marks the 50th anniversary of the
2 ordination of the Reverend William Davis, and it is fitting to take
3 this opportunity to recognize this notable priest and commend him
4 for his exceptional service to others; and

5 WHEREAS, Ordained in June 1957, Father Davis studied
6 philosophy and theology at DeMazenod Scholasticate in San Antonio
7 and earned a master's degree in social studies from Loyola
8 Marymount University in Los Angeles; he furthered his education by
9 attending the Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies
10 in Israel; and

11 WHEREAS, Father Davis had his first assignment as a
12 professor, teaching at La Purissima Juniorate in Mexico City from
13 1958 to 1960, and he followed that position with several decades of
14 service as a professor, pastor, program director, and campus
15 minister in San Antonio, with a two-year period as spiritual
16 director for oblate students at Creighton University; and

17 WHEREAS, The year 1990 brought with it great change for
18 Father Davis as he left his position as pastor of St. Mary's
19 Catholic Church in San Antonio to go to Africa to assist in mission
20 work; for the next three years, he was associate director of the
21 Pre-Novitiate Formation Program in Lusaka, Zambia, before he
22 returned to the States; he most recently has been pastor of
23 Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Houston; and

24 WHEREAS, Described as a man with a zest for life, Father Bill

1 Davis is a philosopher, teacher, historian, counselor, and builder
2 of loving communities; he is a blessing in the lives of countless
3 individuals, and his efforts in behalf of Texans and people
4 throughout the world are an inspiration; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend William Davis on the
7 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and extend to
8 him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Father Davis as an expression of highest regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.