

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly half a century, Father George Clements of
2 Chicago has been an inspiring spiritual leader, and his visit to the
3 State Capitol on April 4, 2007, provides a welcome opportunity to
4 recognize his many worthy endeavors; and

5 WHEREAS, Father Clements is a graduate of Archbishop Quigley
6 Preparatory Seminary and the University of St. Mary of the Lake
7 Mundelein Seminary and holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in
8 philosophy and theology; ordained as a priest in 1957 by the
9 Archdiocese of Chicago, he served for more than two decades as
10 pastor of the Holy Angels Church; active in the civil rights
11 movement, he founded both the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus
12 and the African-American Police League; and

13 WHEREAS, After retiring from Holy Angels Church, Father
14 Clements founded One Church-One Child, which assists families with
15 the adoption of homeless black and biracial children; since its
16 inception, the organization has been highly successful in
17 fulfilling its goal and has placed more than 100,000 children in
18 loving, adoptive homes; moreover, in 1981, Father Clements became
19 the first priest to adopt a child and later adopted three more; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to his work with adoption, Father
21 Clements developed and implemented One Church-One Addict, a project
22 involving more than 800 churches in 31 states that helps with the
23 rehabilitation of those suffering from drug addiction; he has also
24 helped numerous African students secure opportunities to pursue

1 higher education in the United States, earning him recognition as
2 an honorary chief of the Yoruba Tribe of Nigeria; and

3 WHEREAS, A longtime champion of those less fortunate, this
4 esteemed clergyman has gained international recognition for his
5 humanitarian efforts, and it is a pleasure to welcome him to the
6 State Capitol; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
8 Legislature hereby commend Father George Clements for his
9 achievements with One Church-One Child as well as for his many other
10 good works and extend to him warmest best wishes for the future;
11 and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1369

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1369 was adopted by the House on April 4, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House