By: McClendon   H.R. No. 513

R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Parishioners of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in San
2 Antonio are joining together on February 20, 2009, for their 18th
3 annual Mardi Gras celebration; and
4   WHEREAS, Established in 1901 through the efforts of the
5 Reverend A. J. Dumolin, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church first served
6 as a home for elderly, needy, and orphaned African Americans in the
7 community; the institution became a day school in 1906 and
8 continued to grow through the years, adding a credit union in 1950
9 and a new convent in 1960; later, the Sisters of Mercy operated a
10 community clinic from the facility; and
11   WHEREAS, In 1979, Holy Redeemer was reinstated as a parish,
12 and today it remains the only predominantly African American
13 Catholic church in the Alamo City; in recent years, members
14 celebrated the completion of a new sanctuary, which was dedicated
15 by the Archbishop Jose Gomez in May 2006; and
16   WHEREAS, This house of worship has been blessed with a number
17 of notable priests through the years; members are currently led by
18 Father Kevin Fausz, who has provided able guidance over the course
19 of his tenure; and
20   WHEREAS, For more than a century, Holy Redeemer Catholic
21 Church has been a source of strength and inspiration to those who
22 have worshipped there, and it stands as a tribute to the faith and
23 dedication of its members, both past and present, who have devoted
24 their time, prayers, and resources to ensure its continued

1 existence; now, therefore, be it

2   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

3 Legislature hereby honor Holy Redeemer Catholic Church on its 18th

4 annual Mardi Gras celebration and that all those associated with

5 this fine institution be extended sincere best wishes for the

6 future; and, be it further

7   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

8 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas

9 House of Representatives.