

By: Craddick

H.R. No. 896

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Monsignor Larry Droll, the Reverend James Bridges,  
2 and the Reverend James Plagens were conferred papal honors on  
3 February 6, 2009, at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart in San  
4 Angelo; and

5           WHEREAS, The pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland  
6 and the vicar general of the diocese of San Angelo, Monsignor Droll  
7 received the ceremonial title protonotary apostolic supernumerary;  
8 Reverend Plagens, a senior priest at St. Ann's, and Reverend  
9 Bridges, the pastor of St. Stephen Parish in Midland, were named  
10 monsignors, or chaplains to His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI; these  
11 appointments were made by the pope, at the recommendation of The  
12 Most Reverend Michael D. Pfeifer, the bishop of the San Angelo  
13 diocese; and

14           WHEREAS, In the Roman Catholic tradition, monsignor is a  
15 title of distinction given to certain priests for their service to  
16 the church, and these esteemed clergymen, who have each served in  
17 the priesthood for more than 30 years, were duly recognized by  
18 Bishop Pfeifer for their strong faith and their commitment to the  
19 Diocese of San Angelo; and

20           WHEREAS, Monsignors Larry Droll, James Bridges, and James  
21 Plagens have exemplified the highest standards of their vocation,  
22 and in so doing, they have garnered the lasting respect and  
23 admiration of their colleagues and parishioners, as well as members  
24 of the greater community; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
2 Legislature hereby honor Monsignors Larry Droll, James Bridges, and  
3 James Plagens for their dedicated service and extend to them  
4 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
6 for Monsignors Larry Droll, James Bridges, and James Plagens as an  
7 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.