

By: Lewis

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Reverend Mark J. Woodruff was honored by the
2 Heritage of Odessa Foundation with a 2009 Community Statesman Award
3 in recognition of his outstanding civic contributions; and

4 WHEREAS, Every year for the past quarter-century, the
5 Heritage of Odessa Foundation has paid tribute to individuals who
6 have excelled in their various fields and in their public service
7 endeavors; nominated by their fellow citizens and chosen by a
8 special committee, the 13 recipients have volunteered their time
9 and resources to support Odessa and its residents; in 2009, Father
10 Woodruff was selected for this accolade in the category of
11 religion; and

12 WHEREAS, This esteemed clergyman earned a master of divinity
13 degree in 1972 from St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo
14 Park, California, and he was ordained as a priest that year at the
15 Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco; Father
16 Woodruff is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre
17 of Jerusalem, and he has ministered faithfully to the congregants
18 of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish in Odessa since 1996; he
19 is also a pastor at Our Lady of San Juan Mission; and

20 WHEREAS, Father Woodruff has demonstrated an unwavering
21 commitment to his vocation and to the city of Odessa, and his
22 compassion and generosity are an inspiration to all who know him;
23 now, therefore, be it

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

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate the Reverend Mark J. Woodruff on
2 his receipt of a 2009 Community Statesman Award and extend to him
3 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Father Woodruff as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.