

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rabbi Roy A. Walter of Congregation Emanu El in
2 Houston has faithfully served the spiritual needs of his community
3 for almost four decades, and his genuine regard for the welfare of
4 others has enriched the lives of countless people; and

5 WHEREAS, A Memphis native, Roy Walter graduated from Tulane
6 University and went on to earn a bachelor's degree, a master of
7 Hebrew Letters degree, and a doctor of divinity degree from Hebrew
8 Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; he joined Emanu El
9 after his ordination in 1970, and he became senior rabbi eight years
10 later; and

11 WHEREAS, This esteemed leader is the coauthor of *Gates of*
12 *Prayer for Young People*, published by the Central Conference of
13 American Rabbis; he serves on the faculty of the University of St.
14 Thomas under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua Society and is a
15 member of the Joint CCAR-Union of American Hebrew Congregations
16 Commission on Social Action; moreover, he is a member of the
17 Institute for Religion and Health in the Texas Medical Center and of
18 the AIDS Foundation of Greater Houston; and

19 WHEREAS, Previously, Rabbi Walter served as president of
20 Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston and of the Southwest
21 Association of Reform Rabbis; in addition, he has served on the
22 board of the Association of Reform Zionists of America, on the
23 Rabbinic Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal, and on the CCAR
24 executive board and liturgy committee; he is also a former member of

1 the board of governors and board of rabbinic overseers of Hebrew
2 Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; and

3 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Rabbi Walter enjoys the love
4 and support of his wife, Linda Walter, their children, Benjamin,
5 Michel, and Aaron, and their grandson, Ethan; and

6 WHEREAS, Rabbi Walter has demonstrated a wholehearted
7 commitment to his congregation and to the wider community, and his
8 faith, teaching, and many good works have been a source of profound
9 inspiration to all who know him; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor Rabbi Roy Walter for his service to the
12 community and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and,
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Rabbi Walter as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2607

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2607 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House