

By: Edwards

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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.