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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rabbi Ranon Teller of Congregation Brith Shalom
2 faithfully serves the spiritual needs of his community in Greater
3 Houston, and his genuine regard for the welfare of others has
4 enriched the lives of countless people; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Jewish educators, Ranon Teller was born
6 and raised in Southfield, Michigan, and attended Akiva Hebrew Day
7 School until he moved to Chicago to attend Skokie Yeshiva High
8 School; he went on to pursue two years of intense yeshiva study in
9 Israel before earning a bachelor's degree in television writing
10 from Columbia College in Chicago; his first career eventually took
11 him to Los Angeles and Jerusalem, where he enrolled part-time at
12 Machon Schechter, a Conservative rabbinical school; and

13 WHEREAS, After fully recognizing his calling, Rabbi Teller
14 embarked on a joint rabbinic and education program at the
15 University of Judaism; he earned a master's degree in education
16 from the Fingerhut School of Education in 1999 and received the
17 school's Education Award for Outstanding Achievement; with his
18 rabbinic ordination in 2002, he received the Chancellor's Award for
19 Academic Excellence; and

20 WHEREAS, Rabbi Teller served as an assistant rabbi and as
21 associate rabbi at Congregation B'nai Amoona in St. Louis,
22 Missouri, before joining Congregation Brith Shalom in 2005; in
23 addition to his many responsibilities as its leader, he serves on
24 the board of directors of Jewish Family Service in Houston; he is

1 the recipient of the 2007 Mae and Edmund Hecht Rabbinic
2 Presentation from the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston; and

3 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Rabbi Teller enjoys the love
4 and support of his wife, Vicki Teller, who chairs the synagogue's
5 successful KidShul program; the couple have four children, Ariella,
6 Maya, Jake, and Nava; and

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

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

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