RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Rabbi Gidon Moskovitz of Meyerland Minyan in Houston 2 and his wife, Rebbitzen Malka Moskovitz, work together faithfully serve the spiritual needs of their community; and 3 WHEREAS, A Massachusetts native, Rabbi Moskovitz has a strong 4 5 secular and religious educational background; in addition to pursuing traditional yeshiva studies, he attended Baruch College of 6 7 the City University of New York, graduating as salutatorian in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in finance; after working as a supervisor 8 of asset administration for a New York investment firm, he moved 9 with his family to Jerusalem, where he studied Torah for four years 10 11 and wrote a number of works on Jewish law and values; and 12 WHEREAS, Rebbitzen Moskovitz graduated from Thomas Edison State College in New Jersey and continued her Jewish education at 13 14 Bnos Rochel Teachers' Seminary of Jerusalem and the Moreshet Institute, a Jewish outreach program of study for women; she worked 15 for several outreach organizations in Israel and was the founder 16 and director of the Ner Le'elef resource center, a library serving 17 outreach workers around the world; moreover, she assisted in adult 18 education classes, primarily focusing on the subject of marriage; 19 20 and 21 WHEREAS, This dedicated couple joined Meyerland Minyan in 2005, just four years after it was founded, to serve the many 22 23 Orthodox Jews in the Meyerland area who wished to walk to services

on Shabbat; together, the Moskovitzes have fostered a warm and

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- 1 welcoming atmosphere for Jews of all levels of religious observance
- 2 and knowledge, and the synagogue's membership, which numbered 25
- 3 families when they arrived, has quadrupled; the frequency of
- 4 services has increased to meet demand, and a broad range of
- 5 educational programming is offered; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Rabbi and Rebbitzen Moskovitz have demonstrated a
- 7 wholehearted commitment to their congregation and to the wider
- 8 Jewish community, and their faith and many good works have been a
- 9 source of profound inspiration to all who know them; now,
- 10 therefore, be it
- 11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 12 Legislature hereby honor Rabbi Gidon Moskovitz and Rebbitzen Malka
- 13 Moskovitz for their service to the community and extend to them
- 14 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 16 prepared for the rabbi and rebbitzen as an expression of high regard
- 17 by the Texas House of Representatives.

Edwards

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2802 was adopted by the House on June 1, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House