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H.R. No. 2802

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Rabbi Gidon Moskowitz of Meyerland Minyan in Houston  
2 and his wife, Rebbitzen Malka Moskowitz, work together to  
3 faithfully serve the spiritual needs of their community; and

4           WHEREAS, A Massachusetts native, Rabbi Moskowitz has a strong  
5 secular and religious educational background; in addition to  
6 pursuing traditional yeshiva studies, he attended Baruch College of  
7 the City University of New York, graduating as salutatorian in 1999  
8 with a bachelor's degree in finance; after working as a supervisor  
9 of asset administration for a New York investment firm, he moved  
10 with his family to Jerusalem, where he studied Torah for four years  
11 and wrote a number of works on Jewish law and values; and

12           WHEREAS, Rebbitzen Moskowitz graduated from Thomas Edison  
13 State College in New Jersey and continued her Jewish education at  
14 Bnos Rochel Teachers' Seminary of Jerusalem and the Moreshet  
15 Institute, a Jewish outreach program of study for women; she worked  
16 for several outreach organizations in Israel and was the founder  
17 and director of the Ner Le'elef resource center, a library serving  
18 outreach workers around the world; moreover, she assisted in adult  
19 education classes, primarily focusing on the subject of marriage;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, This dedicated couple joined Meyerland Minyan in  
22 2005, just four years after it was founded, to serve the many  
23 Orthodox Jews in the Meyerland area who wished to walk to services  
24 on Shabbat; together, the Moskowitzes have fostered a warm and

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

15 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.