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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Father William Culpeper Davis is celebrating his  
2 80th birthday on March 27, 2011, and this important milestone  
3 offers a fitting opportunity to recognize his exceptional work in  
4 the ministry; and

5           WHEREAS, The first of six children born to William and Mary  
6 Davis, Father Davis graduated from Central Catholic High School in  
7 San Antonio and went on to earn degrees in philosophy and theology  
8 from De Mazenod Scholasticate before attending Loyola Marymount  
9 University in Los Angeles, where he was awarded his master's degree  
10 in education; and

11           WHEREAS, Father Davis began his career as a teacher at Oblate  
12 High School in Mexico City and later served as a history instructor  
13 and football coach at St. Anthony Catholic High School in San  
14 Antonio; he also traveled to Lusaka, Zambia, to train priests; and

15           WHEREAS, Through the years, Father Davis has led a number of  
16 churches, including St. Mary's in San Antonio, Immaculate Heart of  
17 Mary in Houston, and San Francisco Javier in Laredo, where he  
18 currently guides his parish with wisdom and insight; in his many  
19 endeavors, he is driven by a strong commitment to social justice,  
20 and he has worked to strengthen education, promoted immigration  
21 initiatives, and supported nuns in Nicaragua; and

22           WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Father Davis enjoys fishing,  
23 hunting, backpacking, and hiking, and his travels have included  
24 trips to the Grand Canyon and Canada to pursue these favorite

1 pastimes; and

2 WHEREAS, Father Davis has benefited many lives by offering  
3 comfort in times of sorrow, encouragement in times of change, and  
4 advice in times of crisis; his dedication and faith are an  
5 inspiration to all who know him, and it is a pleasure to honor him on  
6 80 years of life well lived; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Father William Culpeper Davis on  
9 his 80th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for the  
10 future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Father Davis as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.