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H.R. No. 1365

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Dr. Kenneth John Diehm of Grapevine, who passed away on February
4 19, 2011, at the age of 52; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Oklahoma City, Ken Diehm was born on
6 March 1, 1958, to Floyd and Emily Diehm; he graduated from
7 California State University Long Beach in 1980 and went on to earn
8 his master's degree from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian
9 University and his doctoral degree from Asbury Theological Seminary
10 in Kentucky; this esteemed clergyman led churches in Bixby,
11 Oklahoma, as well as in Burleson and Cisco, and he served as pastor
12 of St. Andrew's United Methodist in Arlington for 15 years; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2005, Dr. Diehm joined First United Methodist
14 Church of Grapevine; under his guidance, membership increased to
15 2,600 congregants, and the church grew to include a second campus
16 and a Spanish-language service; moreover, he worked to provide
17 outreach to people in need, establishing programs to alleviate
18 poverty, to offer food and tutoring to schoolchildren, and to
19 assist residents of villages in Costa Rica and Kenya; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Diehm was also an active member of the Grapevine
21 community, and he shared his time with the local high school and
22 Rotary Club and the board of Grapevine Relief and Community
23 Exchange; in addition, he held such leadership roles as ordained
24 elder in the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist

1 Church and chair of the conference board of pensions and health
2 benefits; and

3 WHEREAS, Ken Diehm shared many happy years with his wife,
4 Kenda Diehm, and he was devoted to their two children, Kallye and
5 Kody, and their grandson, Julius; in his free time, Dr. Diehm
6 enjoyed bicycling and sports; and

7 WHEREAS, Through his strong faith, his generosity, and his
8 concern for others, Ken Diehm made a positive difference in
9 countless lives, and he leaves behind a legacy that will forever be
10 treasured by all those whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Reverend Dr.
13 Kenneth John Diehm and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
14 family: to his wife, Kenda Diehm; to his children, Kallye Johnson
15 and her husband, Joshua, and Kody Diehm; to his grandson, Julius
16 Johnson; to his mother, Emily Diehm; to his sister, Jan Gravenor,
17 and her husband, Ken; and to his other relatives and many friends;
18 and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Ken
22 Diehm.