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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Father Joseph F. Geleney, Jr., of the Church of St.
- 2 Mary of the Assumption in Waco is commemorating the 10th
- 3 anniversary of his ordination as a Roman Catholic priest on June 16,
- 4 2011; and
- 5 WHEREAS, A native of Rhode Island and a graduate of Bryant
- 6 University, Joe Geleney served his country in the United States
- 7 Army for 14 years before entering the priesthood; his service
- 8 included assignment to Kuwait as a signal officer during Operations
- 9 Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and he later served for two years in
- 10 the Texas Army National Guard; and
- 11 WHEREAS, In 1997, he entered the seminary at Sacred Heart
- 12 School of Theology in Wisconsin, where he earned his master of
- 13 divinity degree; ordained by Bishop Gregory M. Aymond in 2001,
- 14 Father Geleney began his first assignment as a priest in July of
- 15 that year as associate pastor at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in
- 16 Austin; four years later, he became assistant pastor at St. Albert
- 17 the Great Catholic Church, also in Austin, and in 2007, he assumed
- 18 the responsibilities of pastor at two churches, St. Ann in
- 19 Somerville and Blessed Virgin Mary in Washington; and
- WHEREAS, Father Geleney has served as pastor of the Church of
- 21 St. Mary of the Assumption in Waco since July 2010; his professional
- 22 areas of interest include scripture, liturgy, and youth ministry;
- 23 and
- 24 WHEREAS, Over the course of a decade of dedicated service,

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- 1 this esteemed clergyman has exemplified the highest standards of
- 2 his vocation, and his insight, knowledge, and compassion have
- 3 benefited countless people; now, therefore, be it
- 4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 5 Legislature hereby honor Father Joseph F. Geleney, Jr., on the 10th
- 6 anniversary of his ordination and extend to him sincere best wishes
- 7 for the future; and, be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 9 prepared for Father Geleney as an expression of high regard by the
- 10 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1383 was adopted by the House on April 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House