

By: Anderson of McLennan

H.R. No. 1383

R E S O L U T I O N

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

20 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,

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.