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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Monsignor Harry Mazurkiewicz is celebrating the
2 60th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood of the Roman
3 Catholic Church on May 26, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on September 18, 1926, in Chappell Hill to Tony
5 and Josephine Mazurkiewicz, Harry Mazurkiewicz obtained his early
6 education from St. Mary's School in Brenham and graduated from St.
7 Edward's High School in Austin before entering the seminary in La
8 Porte; he was ordained in 1951 at St. Mary, Immaculate Conception
9 Catholic Church in Brenham, was briefly assigned to St. Monica
10 Catholic Church in Cameron, and then returned to St. Mary's to serve
11 as an associate pastor; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1956, "Father Harry" became the associate pastor
13 of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in La Grange, and 10 years later, he
14 assumed the responsibilities of pastor, providing inspiration,
15 comfort, and wisdom to his parishioners for four decades until his
16 retirement in 2006; his duties included serving on the Presbyterian
17 Council and as director of the Clerical Endowment Fund since 1976,
18 and he was appointed domestic prelate in 1982; in addition, he was
19 the acting dean of the Eastern Deanery and a consultor and member of
20 the personnel committee for Bishop Aymond of Austin; and

21 WHEREAS, During his notable tenure at Sacred Heart, Monsignor
22 Mazurkiewicz supervised the construction of a modern church
23 building and rectory, an activity center, a new school, and a
24 prekindergarten building; moreover, he established an endowment

1 for the church school; and

2 WHEREAS, Monsignor Mazurkiewicz has contributed to the
3 greater community as well through his charter membership on the
4 Fayette Heritage Library, Museum, and Archives Board, and he also
5 served on the foundation board of a local hospital and as the
6 chaplain of the La Grange Volunteer Fire Department for more than 44
7 years; and

8 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Harry Mazurkiewicz enjoys
9 the support of his family, including his siblings and their
10 spouses, J. T. Mazurkiewicz and his wife, Irene, Ester Kubeczka and
11 her husband, Joe, and Sister Florentine Mazurkiewicz; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the course of the past six decades, Monsignor
13 Harry has dedicated himself to the spiritual education and
14 enrichment of others, and his strong faith and compassion have
15 benefited countless people; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor Monsignor Harry Mazurkiewicz on the 60th
18 anniversary of his ordination and commend him for a lifetime of
19 service to the church; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the monsignor as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.