

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 582

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Reverend William C. Davis on the grand occasion of his 80th birthday and pay tribute to him for his lifetime of ministry and dedicated service; and

**WHEREAS**, William C. Davis was born in San Antonio on March 27, 1931, to Judge William C. Davis and Mary Tynan Davis; he was ordained a Catholic priest by Bishop Stephen A. Leven on June 1, 1957, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in downtown San Antonio; he is a member of the religious congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Bill, as he is known to his parishioners, earned philosophy and theology degrees from De Mazenod Scholasticate, now Oblate School of Theology, and a master's degree from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, During more than 50 years of priestly ministry, Father Bill has also served as a high school teacher, football coach, missionary, social activist, and college professor and chaplain; he served as pastor of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in downtown San Antonio and was the founder of the Texas Irish Festival; he has ministered to the people of Mexico City and of Lusaka, Zambia, as well as those in Omaha, Nebraska, and in San Antonio, Houston, and Laredo; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of spiritual depth and devotion, Father Bill Davis is widely recognized for his commitment to the Hispanic ministry and the goal of empowering people personally and spiritually; he is a beloved and respected member of his community, and his 80th birthday is an excellent occasion to celebrate his life and his work; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize the Reverend William C. Davis as a treasured citizen of Texas and extend to him best wishes on his 80th birthday; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as a token of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 24, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate