

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives joins people
2 around the world in honoring the service of His Holiness Pope
3 Benedict XVI, who will retire from the papacy on February 28, 2013,
4 after eight years leading the Roman Catholic Church; and

5 WHEREAS, The spiritual leader of the world's 1.2 billion
6 Roman Catholics, Pope Benedict XVI is celebrated for his defense of
7 Christian values and for his emphasis on the inviolability of human
8 life from conception to natural death; and

9 WHEREAS, An advocate for social justice, he interceded on
10 behalf of migrants and refugees worldwide, speaking for those whose
11 voices would not have otherwise been heard, and he has called for an
12 equitable distribution of world resources and for environmental
13 protections to ensure human health; and

14 WHEREAS, A proponent of religious freedom, tolerance, and
15 cooperation, Pope Benedict deepened ties during his tenure with
16 many religions, including Judaism and Islam; within his own Church,
17 he expanded the use of the traditional Latin mass and eased rules
18 regarding the conversion of Anglicans to Catholicism; and

19 WHEREAS, Born Joseph Ratzinger on April 16, 1927, in Marktl
20 am Inn, Germany, he was ordained a priest in 1951 and was a
21 professor of theology at numerous European universities; he served
22 as the archbishop of Munich and Freising, and he was made a cardinal
23 in 1977 by Pope Paul VI; he also served as the prefect of the
24 Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and as the vice dean of

1 the College of Cardinals; in April 2005, he was elected to the
2 papacy at the age of 78, the oldest cardinal to become pope in 275
3 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Known as an academic, scholar, and teacher, Pope
5 Benedict is a prolific writer, having authored 66 books over the
6 course of his life; he has also penned numerous articles,
7 established a journal devoted to theology, and overseen the
8 preparation of the new Catechism of the Catholic Church; he is noted
9 for writings that promote traditional Christian values in the face
10 of the declining moral principles of the modern world; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the service of His Holiness Pope
14 Benedict XVI; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That when the Texas House of Representatives
16 adjourns this day, it do so in honor of Pope Benedict XVI.

Callegari

Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

H.R. No. 624

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 624 was adopted by the House on February 28, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House