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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 60 years, families of St. Thomas Aquinas
2 Catholic Church in Dallas have joined together to celebrate their
3 faith; and

4 WHEREAS, The history of St. Thomas Aquinas parish begins in
5 1947, when St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School opened its doors;
6 soon after, young Father John T. Gulczynski began working toward
7 establishing a parish for the East Dallas community; in 1952,
8 Bishop Thomas K. Gorman established the parish and appointed Father
9 Gulczynski both monsignor and pastor; St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic
10 Church, with its striking Gothic architecture, was officially
11 dedicated in 1957 and has since played a vital role in the
12 community, providing area residents with myriad opportunities for
13 spiritual growth, fellowship, and community outreach; and

14 WHEREAS, The congregation of nearly 4,000 families has
15 benefited from the able leadership of a number of dedicated
16 priests, and today that tradition of service continues under the
17 direction of Father John Libone, with the assistance of Deacons Ken
18 Reisor, Rick Harrington, and Edward Leyden and Father Vic
19 Bartolotta, who is the newly appointed parish catechetical leader
20 and youth minister; and

21 WHEREAS, St. Thomas Aquinas parish has long contributed to
22 the East Dallas community, and countless area Catholics have found
23 spiritual inspiration and guidance there; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature commemorate the 60th anniversary of St. Thomas Aquinas
2 Catholic Church and extend to its parishioners sincere best wishes
3 for the future; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the parish as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.