

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1057

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in recognizing Father Benito Retortillo, who is returning to Spain after many years of service in South Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, This beloved Dominican priest is the pastor and superior at Saint Francis de Paula in San Diego, Texas, where he has served for 27 years; during that time, he has compassionately tended to the spiritual and temporal needs of his parishioners; and

**WHEREAS**, In his 51 years of service to the Catholic Church, Father Benito has been all over the world, but more than half of his time as a priest has been spent in San Diego, at Saint Francis de Paula; and

**WHEREAS**, The departure of Father Benito marks a bittersweet occasion in South Texas, where he has been embraced by the community; he is one of two remaining Dominican priests in the Diocese of Corpus Christi, both of whom are returning to Spain on July 1, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the years, Father Benito has pursued innumerable good works in the community, and his steadfast presence has served as a reminder of the power of fellowship and the sanctity of one's faith; his absence will be felt deeply by his parishioners; they will never forget him, and they wish him a safe journey home to Spain; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Father Benito Retortillo for his 27 years of service in South Texas and extend to him sincere best wishes in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Father Benito as an expression of high regard 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 May 24, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate