

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1058

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Father Epifanio Rodriguez, who after many years of service in South Texas is returning to Spain; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as Father Epi by his parishioners, this revered priest has long been a spiritual mentor for members of Saint Francis de Paula in San Diego, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Father Epi came to the Diocese of Corpus Christi in 1957, and he is one of only two remaining Dominican priests in the diocese; both are returning to Spain on July 1, 2013, and their departure will mark the end of an era; and

WHEREAS, Father Epi has served the parish of Saint Francis de Paula with steadfast dedication; he has provided wise counsel to his congregants and has listened to them and comforted them with an open heart; and

WHEREAS, For more than half a century, this devoted priest has played a vital role in the community of San Diego, and he has promoted good works and good relations in the parish that has long served as his second home; and

WHEREAS, Upon his departure, Father Epi will be deeply missed by his Texas parishioners, who will never forget him and who 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 Epifanio Rodriguez for his many 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 in honor of Father Epifanio as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Garcia

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate