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H.R. No. 1344

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Father David H. Garcia is celebrating the 40th
2 anniversary of his ordination for the Archdiocese of San Antonio on
3 March 21, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Ordained in 1975, Fr. Garcia was rector of San
5 Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio from 1995 to 2008. He currently
6 serves his community as Administrator of Mission Concepcion and
7 Director of the Old Spanish Missions of San Antonio. Since 2008 he
8 has also served as Senior Advisor for Clergy Outreach for Catholic
9 Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of
10 the Catholic community in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, A knowledgeable scholar of divinity, Fr. Garcia
12 holds a B.A. in History from St. Mary's University in San Antonio,
13 and two masters degrees from The University of Notre Dame, in
14 Theology and Institutional Administration. Furthermore, he held
15 fellowships at Notre Dame from 1972-1974 and at Harvard Divinity
16 School in 1994, and furthered his sabbatical studies at the
17 Instituto Teologico in Mexico City in 1995 and the University of
18 London Heythrop College in 2005; and

19 WHEREAS, This esteemed clergyman continues to share his
20 knowledge through the publication of many articles on religious
21 topics for both Catholic and secular news mediums. Under his
22 leadership, the parish of San Fernando Cathedral was cited as an
23 outstanding parish in the 2001 directory of *Excellent Catholic*
24 *Parishes* by Paul Wilkes. During his tenure at Old Spanish Missions,

1 the organization received eight awards for excellent restoration
2 work, including the prestigious Texas Governor's Award for Historic
3 Preservation, in just a four year period beginning in 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the course of the past six decades, Father
5 Garcia has dedicated himself to the spiritual education and
6 enrichment of others, and his strong faith and compassion have
7 benefited countless people; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Father David H. Garcia on the 40th
10 anniversary of his ordination and extend to him sincere best wishes
11 for the future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Father Garcia as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.