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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert L. McDonald has stepped down as
2 superintendent of the Dallas District Church of the Nazarene, after
3 nearly a decade of dedicated service; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1955 in Knoxville, Iowa, to Frank and
5 Davidene McDonald, Rob McDonald graduated from Chariton Community
6 High School in 1973; he attended MidAmerica Nazarene College, where
7 he earned his bachelor's degree in religion, and he later completed
8 his master's degree in human relations at the University of
9 Oklahoma; he was awarded a doctor of divinity degree from Southern
10 Nazarene University; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. McDonald began his notable career in the
12 ministry as a youth pastor at Des Moines First Church of the
13 Nazarene and at First Church of the Nazarene in Sapulpa, Oklahoma,
14 before serving as pastor of congregations in Oklahoma, South
15 Dakota, and Illinois; he was chosen to lead the Mississippi
16 District Church of the Nazarene in 2000, and five years later he
17 assumed the duties of superintendent for the Dallas District Church
18 of the Nazarene; and

19 WHEREAS, Since 2005, Dr. McDonald has provided inspiring
20 leadership and valued counsel to fellow pastors and worshippers
21 across the Dallas District; a passionate advocate for Cowboy Church
22 evangelism and formation, he has overseen the establishment of 10
23 thriving Cowboy Church congregations during his outstanding
24 tenure; upon leaving his post as district superintendent, he will

1 take over as senior pastor for the Lone Star Cowboy Church of
2 McLennan and Hill Counties; and

3 WHEREAS, This esteemed clergyman has further benefited his
4 church organization as a member of the board of Southern Nazarene
5 University and as a member of the District Superintendents Action
6 Committee and the Nazarene Organic Church Network; in addition, he
7 is the current chair of the Nazarene Cowboy Church Network; and

8 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. McDonald enjoys the love
9 and support of a fine family, which includes his wife, Sue, his
10 daughters, Melissa Ferrer and her husband, Mitchell, and Meagan
11 Sprang and her husband, Jonathan, and his five grandchildren,
12 Abigail, Isaiah, and Isaac Ferrer, and Jacob and Ezekiel Sprang;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Rob McDonald has worked diligently in behalf of his
15 faith, providing comfort and spiritual guidance, while proving
16 himself to be a wise and trusted leader, and he is indeed deserving
17 of special recognition as he begins his new mission of pastoral
18 service; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
20 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Robert McDonald on his achievements
21 as superintendent of the Dallas District Church of the Nazarene and
22 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Dr. McDonald as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.