

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For 65 years, families of St. Francis of Assisi  
2 Catholic Church in Houston have joined together to celebrate their  
3 faith; and

4           WHEREAS, Organized on June 26, 1950, the church was led by  
5 Father John Cummings, who oversaw an original congregation of  
6 approximately 700 families; the first church structure was  
7 completed in September of that same year, and the St. Francis of  
8 Assisi School was opened in 1955; a new sanctuary was dedicated in  
9 1966 to accommodate the growing needs of the parish, and the  
10 church's membership has continued to flourish over the ensuing  
11 half-century; and

12           WHEREAS, Over the years, the church has also benefited from  
13 the able leadership of Fathers Robert Blankenstein, Alfred  
14 Greenwald, Joseph Culver, Marion Polker, Michael Doerflein, Thomas  
15 Miller, Patrick Wells, and Romanus Muoneke, and today, that  
16 tradition of service and support continues under the direction of  
17 Father Edmund Nnadozie; and

18           WHEREAS, United by their shared faith, the congregants of  
19 this notable house of worship have established a variety of  
20 commendable programs that foster fellowship and offer help to those  
21 in need; and

22           WHEREAS, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church has long  
23 contributed to its community, with countless area Catholics finding  
24 spiritual inspiration and guidance there, and its continued

1 existence is a tribute to the unwavering commitment of its members,  
2 both past and present; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the 65th anniversary of St. Francis  
5 of Assisi Catholic Church and extend to its parishioners sincere  
6 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
9 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2785

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2785 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House