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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.