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H.R. No. 2536

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Deacon E. Generes DuFour is retiring as director of
2 the Criminal Justice Office of the Catholic Diocese of Austin in
3 2017, drawing to a close more than three decades of outstanding
4 service in behalf of prisoners and ex-offenders; and

5 WHEREAS, A ministry of the Secretariat for Life, Justice, and
6 Charity, the Criminal Justice Office works with state and federal
7 correctional authorities and with local parishes and other dioceses
8 across Texas to provide spiritual counsel to both prisoners and
9 staff at correctional facilities; the office also offers spiritual
10 and material support to the families of offenders and to
11 ex-offenders and their families; and

12 WHEREAS, Deacon "Doots" DuFour took on this vital work as the
13 office's director in 1986, and over the course of his exemplary
14 31-year tenure, many former inmates have received the guidance and
15 resources they need to successfully reenter life outside of prison;
16 he has also been a powerful advocate before the state legislature
17 for reform of the criminal justice system, placing an emphasis on
18 rehabilitation and the reduction of recidivism; in addition, he has
19 served as chair of the Texas Catholic Correctional Ministers, which
20 represents those Catholic men and women who are active in
21 correctional ministries across the Lone Star State; and

22 WHEREAS, An alumnus of the University of Notre Dame, Deacon
23 DuFour answered his nation's call to duty as a young man and joined
24 the U.S. Army; he served in the Korean War and the Vietnam War and

1 retired after 21 years, at the rank of lieutenant; and

2 WHEREAS, Deacon DuFour's dedication, skill, and compassion
3 have helped to inspire and provide solace to innumerable prisoners
4 and ex-offenders, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career
5 well spent as he embarks upon the next exciting chapter of his life;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Deacon Doots DuFour on his
9 retirement as director of the Criminal Justice Office of the
10 Catholic Diocese of Austin and extend to him sincere best wishes for
11 the future; and, be it further

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