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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Reverend Ray Joseph Altman is stepping down as senior pastor of Leander United Methodist Church to take on a new role with the Rio Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church in July 2019; and

WHEREAS, A native of San Antonio, Ray Altman was raised in the Methodist church as the son of a church elder; following his graduation from Fredericksburg High School, he earned a degree in sociology from Southwestern University in 2005, and he continued his education at the Union Theological Seminary at Columbia University, where he earned a master's degree in divinity in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Altman began his ministerial career with a two-year internship at Park Avenue United Methodist Church in New York; in 2008, he returned to Texas and became the associate pastor of Kerrville First United Methodist Church, a position he held until 2014, when he was appointed senior pastor of Leander UMC; during his five years at the pulpit, he has expanded the church's membership, and he has also focused on establishing small, neighborhood-based missions that foster fellowship and offer help to those in need; he plans to develop a new faith community in Leander based on the New Wineskins model; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Pastor Altman enjoys the love and support of his wife, Megan, and he takes great pride in his two children, Asher and Levi; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Altman has set an inspiring example of faith in action, and members of his congregation have greatly benefited from his wise counsel and spiritual guidance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby commend the Reverend Ray Joseph Altman for his outstanding service as senior pastor of Leander United Methodist Church and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success with his important work; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Pastor Altman as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.