

By: Bonnen of Brazoria

H.R. No. 1645

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Monsignor Leo Wleczyk is retiring as pastor of
2 St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Lake Jackson on June
3 30, 2019, drawing to a close 54 years of service to the Catholic
4 Church; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in 1939 to Josie and Leo Wleczyk Sr., Leo
6 Wleczyk graduated from Brazosport High School in Freeport in 1957,
7 and he attended St. Mary's Seminary in Houston; he was ordained as a
8 priest on May 27, 1965; and

9 WHEREAS, Father Wleczyk served at St. Mary Catholic Church in
10 Port Arthur, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Galveston, and at
11 St. Joseph Catholic Church in Baytown before being appointed pastor
12 of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Palestine in 1975; he went on to
13 serve as pastor of Notre Dame Catholic Church in Houston from 1978
14 to 1984, and on September 1, 1984, he was elevated to monsignor and
15 became the pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the course of his exemplary 34-year tenure at
17 St. Michael's, Monsignor Wleczyk has overseen the congregation's
18 participation in the RENEW spiritual renewal program, the Rite of
19 Christian Initiation of Adults program, Spiritalfest, the youth
20 ministry, and the ENVISION program, among others; he has also
21 supervised a number of improvements to the church campus, including
22 the addition of a nursery and an education wing in 1985, the
23 installation of stained glass windows in 1986, the construction of
24 the Family Life Center in 1993 and the Spiritual Learning Center in

1 2000, and the completion of the church's renovation in 2012; and

2 WHEREAS, Monsignor Wleczyk served as dean of the Southern
3 Deanery from 1984 to 2008, and from 2008 to 2018, he was episcopal
4 vicar for the Southern Vicariate; his honors include the Bronze
5 Pelican award from the Boy Scouts of America, the St. George emblem
6 from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, the Outstanding
7 Pastor Award from the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee for Youth
8 Organizations, and the St. Christopher Award from the Texas State
9 Council of the Knights of Columbus; and

10 WHEREAS, For nearly three and a half decades, Monsignor
11 Wleczyk has tirelessly dedicated himself to the spiritual welfare
12 of the parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church,
13 and he has earned the lasting respect and admiration of all who know
14 him; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Monsignor Leo Wleczyk on his
17 retirement from St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church and
18 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness and
19 fulfillment; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Monsignor Wleczyk as an expression of high regard by
22 the Texas House of Representatives.