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H.R. No. 1780

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

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

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