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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On November 7, 2021, the members of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland are celebrating the 125th anniversary of the parish's founding, and this significant milestone is indeed deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, The church's history dates back to 1896, when the cornerstone for a mission was laid at 417 East Texas Avenue and dedicated in honor of St. Ann; in 1933, the parish was renamed St. George's Catholic Church after its benefactor, Monsignor George O'Brien, but the original name was restored when the church moved to West Texas Avenue in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the congregation grew, and a new sanctuary was built in 1959; constructed in the shape of a cross, the building features marble altars and hand-carved wooden statues, which were imported from Italy; in addition, figures of St. Ann and the Blessed Virgin stand outside, and a shrine of the church's patron saint greets parishioners at the entrance; and

WHEREAS, The members of this notable house of worship have established a variety of commendable ministries and initiatives that foster fellowship, offer help to those in need, and benefit the community; moreover, in 1950, the church founded St. Ann's School, which today provides an education for approximately 400 children from preschool to eighth grade; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished history, St. Ann's Catholic Church has served as a source of inspiration, encouragement, and guidance to those who worship there, and its continued existence is a testament to the unwavering commitment of its members and clergy, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas, 2nd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of St. Ann's Catholic Church and extend to its congregation sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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