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H.R. No. 45

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Victor Alvarez is retiring as pastor of Iglesia
2 Bautista Fundamental in Brownsville on October 10, 2021, drawing to
3 a close more than four decades of service to the congregation; and

4 WHEREAS, Pastor Alvarez moved to Brownsville with his family
5 when he was 10 days old, and he found his faith at the age of 22 in
6 Corpus Christi; he received his education at Salt Lake Bible
7 College, where he earned three degrees, including a doctorate in
8 theology; he began his career in Corpus Christi, where he was
9 assistant pastor at Iglesia Bautista El Cordero de Dios for five
10 years; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1980, Pastor Alvarez returned to Brownsville and
12 established Iglesia Bautista Fundamental in the Cameron Park
13 colonia; the congregation began meeting under a tree, and over
14 time, it moved into a 26,000-square-foot facility on two acres of
15 land; Pastor Alvarez also started the Christian Fundamental Academy
16 to educate children from kindergarten through the 12th grade, and
17 he raised money for scholarships, empowering many students to go on
18 to college and to productive professional careers; in addition, he
19 created a bus ministry, bringing more than 200 youth to Sunday
20 school every week; and

21 WHEREAS, Pastor Alvarez has further contributed to the
22 community through his work with the area's planning and zoning
23 committee, the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee, the
24 Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority, and United for the

1 Progress of Cameron Park, as well as through his participation in
2 self-help programs and voter registration drives; and

3 WHEREAS, Victor Alvarez has distinguished himself as an
4 esteemed spiritual leader, a champion for Cameron Park, and a
5 powerful force for change in the community, and he may indeed take
6 pride in his outstanding record of service as he embarks on the next
7 exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Pastor Victor
10 Alvarez on his retirement from Iglesia Bautista Fundamental and
11 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be
12 it further

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