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H.R. No. 828

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pastor Michael Grady of Prince of Peace Christian
2 Fellowship in El Paso has devoted himself to the betterment of his
3 community and to the spiritual enrichment of his congregation, and
4 over the past two years, he has also demonstrated great strength of
5 character while coping with personal tragedy; and

6 WHEREAS, Michael Grady is the father of Michelle Grady, a
7 survivor of the mass shooting that took place in El Paso on August
8 3, 2019; on that day, 23 people were killed and dozens more were
9 injured when a gunman went on a racially motivated shooting rampage
10 at a Walmart store; Ms. Grady, who was shot three times, spent 55
11 days in the hospital and has undergone multiple surgeries on her
12 long road to recovery; and

13 WHEREAS, Pastor Grady and his wife, Jeneverlyn Grady, have
14 been a steadfast source of support to their daughter throughout her
15 ordeal; after experiencing firsthand the devastating consequences
16 of hatred and intolerance, Pastor Grady has spoken out against the
17 rhetoric and ideologies that have fueled division and fomented the
18 kind of violence that occurred on that horrific day in El Paso; and

19 WHEREAS, A member of the clergy for more than 50 years, Pastor
20 Grady was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri; as a chaplain in
21 the United States Army, he was assigned to Fort Bliss in El Paso,
22 and he also served as the Reserve Chaplains' Training Advisor at the
23 U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School at Fort Monmouth in New Jersey;
24 he pastored the True Vine Baptist Church in Asbury Park, New Jersey,

1 and after returning to El Paso in 2004, he was ordained a Presiding
2 Elder of the Arizona-New Mexico Region of the Ninth Episcopal
3 District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; and

4 WHEREAS, Pastor Grady has held numerous leadership positions
5 within his religious community, and from 2005 to 2010, he served as
6 president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of
7 El Paso; in 2015, he founded Prince of Peace Christian Fellowship
8 Church, and in addition to leading the congregation, he has served
9 as president of the El Paso Branch of the NAACP; and

10 WHEREAS, While dealing with the aftermath of a deeply
11 traumatic event, Pastor Michael Grady has distinguished himself as
12 a pillar of strength to his family and a moral compass to his
13 community, and he has earned the respect and admiration of all who
14 know him; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor Pastor Michael Grady for his service to El
17 Paso and for his courage and resilience in the wake of a family
18 tragedy and extend to him and his loved ones sincere best wishes for
19 the future; and, be it further

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