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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of First Christian Church in Alice are
2 gathering on October 8, 2023, to honor their pastor, Elias
3 R. Vasquez, and his wife, Emma Vasquez, for their combined 50 years
4 of service in the ministry; and

5 WHEREAS, Since professing his faith in 1973, Pastor Vasquez
6 has served the Disciples of Christ Christian Church in area,
7 regional, and national administrative roles, which have included
8 presiding over the Southwest Hispanic Convention from 1985 to 1988
9 and the National Hispanic Bilingual Fellowship Confraternity from
10 1988 to 1989; he worked as a grant administrator for Nueces County
11 before retiring from his secular career to devote himself fully to
12 the ministry; in 1995, he was licensed as a pastor by the Disciples
13 of Christ Christian Church; and

14 WHEREAS, On September 16, 1994, Pastor Vasquez was appointed
15 as senior pastor of First Christian Church in Alice, where he has
16 preached for nearly three decades; over the course of his tenure,
17 the church's congregation has grown more multicultural, and he has
18 enjoyed overseeing the development of a thriving children's
19 ministry; along the way, he has benefited immensely from the love
20 and support of his wife, Emma Vasquez, who, like her husband, has
21 dedicated herself to the church with a spirit of compassion,
22 perseverance, and selfless service; and

23 WHEREAS, Through their inspiring faith and leadership,
24 Pastor Elias R. Vasquez and Emma Vasquez have enhanced the lives of

1 countless individuals, and in so doing, they have won the affection
2 of their congregation and the esteem of the Alice and Robstown
3 communities; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Pastor Elias
6 R. Vasquez and Emma Vasquez for their longtime service in the
7 ministry and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and,
8 be it further

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