

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church in Greenwood  
2 celebrated the dedication of its new building by Bishop Michael  
3 J. Sis of the Diocese of San Angelo on March 16, 2024; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2018, Bishop Sis gave permission for the  
5 establishment of the Greenwood Catholic Community; Greenwood  
6 Elementary School generously offered its auditorium for Sunday  
7 services, allowing the faithful in the area to begin worshipping  
8 closer to home; and

9 WHEREAS, Bishop Sis issued a decree in 2020 naming the church  
10 for Saint Rita of Cascia; born in the Italian village of  
11 Roccaporena, near Cascia, Saint Rita lived from 1381 until 1457,  
12 and she is regarded as the patron saint of impossible causes; the  
13 first oil well in West Texas, Santa Rita No. 1, was named in her  
14 honor; and

15 WHEREAS, St. Rita of Cascia has been a mission of San Miguel  
16 Arcángel Parish in Midland, with Father Patrick Akpanobong as  
17 pastor; community members worked tirelessly to raise funds for the  
18 construction of their church, and they purchased a six-acre  
19 property that includes the site of the earliest school in  
20 Greenwood; they gathered for the ground breaking on September 17,  
21 2022; deacon Bill Scarmardo served as architect and N. C. Sturgeon  
22 was the general contractor; and

23 WHEREAS, The completion of this house of worship is a tribute  
24 to the vision and perseverance of the St. Rita of Cascia community,

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1 and the prayerful devotion of its members will ensure that the  
2 church continues to thrive in the years to come; now, therefore, be  
3 it

4       RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
5 hereby commemorate the dedication of St. Rita of Cascia Catholic  
6 Church and extend to its clergy and parishioners sincere best  
7 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 134 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 134 was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2025, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor