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H.R. No. 1089

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected as the
2 267th bishop of Rome on May 8, 2025, and chose Leo XIV as his papal
3 name; and

4 WHEREAS, The first pontiff from the Augustinian order and the
5 first from the United States and North America, Pope Leo XIV was
6 born in Chicago, Illinois, on September 14, 1955, to Mildred
7 Martínez and Louis Marius Prevost; he grew up with two brothers,
8 Louis Martín and John Joseph; educated at the Minor Seminary of the
9 Augustinian Fathers, he went on to complete his bachelor's degree
10 in mathematics at Villanova University, where he also studied
11 philosophy; in 1977, he entered the novitiate of the Order of
12 St. Augustine in the Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel of
13 Chicago; he made his solemn vows four years later and received his
14 theological education at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago;
15 his superiors then sent him to Rome, where he was ordained a priest
16 at the Augustinian College of St. Monica and earned his doctorate in
17 canon law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas; and

18 WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV has extensive international
19 experience; sent to an Augustinian mission in Peru in 1985, he
20 served that nation's Catholic population in many roles, including
21 as a missionary, parish priest, and professor; he was twice elected
22 prior general of the Ordinary General Chapter of the Order of
23 St. Augustine, and in 2015, he was appointed bishop of Chiclayo;
24 eight years later, Pope Francis promoted him to archbishop and

1 called him to Rome as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and
2 president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America; he was
3 also named a member of the Dicasteries for Evangelization; in 2024,
4 he was created a cardinal in the Consistory, and Pope Francis
5 elevated him to the Order of Bishops the following year, granting
6 him the title of the Suburbicarian Church of Albano; following Pope
7 Francis's hospitalization in February 2025, Cardinal Prevost
8 presided over the March 3 rosary for the pope in St. Peter's Square;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV has proven himself to be a spiritual
11 leader of tremendous ability, and his faith community around the
12 world looks forward to an era defined by his wisdom, compassion, and
13 devotion; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
15 Legislature hereby honor Pope Leo XIV on the occasion of his
16 election to the papacy and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
17 future; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Pope Leo XIV as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.