## R E S OLUTION

WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives takes pleasure in welcoming a visiting delegation from Catholic Charities to the State Capitol and in honoring this outstanding organization for its many good works; and

WHEREAS, Present in the Archdiocese of San Antonio and other dioceses across Texas, Catholic Charities extends the healing power of faith as well as tangible assistance to persons of all races, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds with the goal of helping them reach self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Among the many programs and services provided by Catholic Charities are adoption, child and foster care, basic personal and living skills training, counseling, disaster response, education and enrichment, housing, a food bank, health, refugee and immigration services, and social support; in 2004 alone, the organization aided 267,924 individuals; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its assistance programs, Catholic Charities continues to advocate for social justice and seeks to empower communities through action and education with the goal of ensuring basic human dignity for all; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities, acting in concert with health and human services agencies, has offered many Texans the support and direction they need to secure a brighter future, while inspiring and encouraging countless people through its humanitarianism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature hereby commend all those associated with Catholic Charities for their ongoing efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of others and welcome members of the group who are visiting on this day; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Catholic Charities as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

