

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 966

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger on his election as Pope of the Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Cardinal Ratzinger chose Benedict XVI as his title, recalling Pope Benedict XV, who led the Church through World War I, and Saint Benedict of Norcia, whose life evoked the Christian roots of Europe; and

WHEREAS, Ordained into the priesthood in 1951, Pope Benedict XVI was particularly influenced by the teachings of Saint Augustine; he served as a professor at several universities throughout Germany, including the University of Bonn and the University of Münster, and in 1966 he assumed a chair in dogmatic theology at the University of Tübingen; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, he was named a cardinal by Pope Paul VI, and four years later he was named by Pope John Paul II to be prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; he became vice-dean of the College of Cardinals in 1998 and dean in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Pope Benedict XVI, during his first general audience in Saint Peter's Square in Rome, has expressed his intention to place his ministry in the service of reconciliation and harmony between peoples; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby wish Pope Benedict XVI a time of peace and goodwill during his papacy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 20, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate