

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 144

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to welcome a visiting delegation from Catholic Charities and to salute the members for their many good works through the years; and

WHEREAS, With a presence in over 20 locations in Texas, Catholic Charities extends to persons of all races, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds the inspiration of faith as well as tangible assistance, with the goal of helping them reach self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities provides many programs and services to those who seek its aid, including adoption services, basic personal-living needs, counseling, disaster response, food banks, education and enrichment, housing, health services, refugee and immigration services, and social support; in 2006 alone, the organization helped more than 400,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its assistance programs, Catholic Charities is a steadfast advocate of social justice and seeks to empower communities through action and education, with the guiding principle of ensuring basic human dignity for all people; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities, in collaboration with health and human services agencies across the state, has offered many Texans the support and direction they need to secure self-sufficiency and a brighter future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend all those associated with Catholic Charities for its exemplary efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of others and extend a warm welcome to the members of its delegation who are visiting the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this outstanding organization as an expression of high regard 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 February 6, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate