

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Catholic Charities are visiting the State
2 Capitol, and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to honor
3 the organization for its dedicated service to countless individuals
4 in need; and

5 WHEREAS, Catholic Charities reaches out to persons of all
6 races, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds, sharing with them
7 the healing power of faith and offering vital assistance to help
8 them become self-sufficient; and

9 WHEREAS, With more than 20 locations in Texas, Catholic
10 Charities provides an array of programs and services, including
11 adoption, basic personal-living needs, counseling, disaster
12 response, education and enrichment, housing, food bank, health,
13 refugee, immigration, and social support, and last year its members
14 aided more than 400,000 individuals; and

15 WHEREAS, In keeping with the Catholic Church's mission to
16 respect the dignity of all, the organization operates a criminal
17 justice ministry program in jails and prisons throughout the state;
18 criminal justice ministers serve as chaplains and assist in the
19 rehabilitation of convicted inmates; they also help those who have
20 completed their prison terms with their reintegration into society;
21 moreover, Catholic Charities expands its work by advocating for
22 social justice and empowering communities through action and
23 education; and

24 WHEREAS, Catholic Charities has remained steadfast in its

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1 commitment to providing individuals with the support and direction
2 they need to secure a bright future for themselves, and the
3 compassionate service rendered by this noteworthy group is an
4 inspiration to citizens across the Lone Star State and beyond; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby welcome the members of the Catholic Charities
8 delegation as they gather in Austin and extend to all those
9 associated with the organization best wishes for continued success
10 with their many good works; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 261 was adopted by the House on
February 17, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House