

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, and to congratulate him on his appointment as the first Roman Catholic Cardinal in the American South; and

**WHEREAS**, The son of Nicholas and Jane DiNardo, Cardinal DiNardo was born on May 23, 1949, in Steubenville, Ohio, and grew up in neighboring Pittsburgh; after earning his bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy from The Catholic University of America, this gifted scholar went on to study theology in Rome at the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Augustinianum; he was ordained in 1977 and served in the Diocese of Pittsburgh as a parochial vicar, an assistant chancellor, and a professor at Saint Paul Seminary; and

**WHEREAS**, An appointment to the Vatican Congregation for Bishops took Cardinal DiNardo back to Rome in 1984; six years later, he requested to return to pastoral duties in the United States, and the bishop of Pittsburgh eventually selected him to found the new parish of Saints John and Paul; in addition, he served as an assistant spiritual director at Saint Paul Seminary and taught in the formation program for priests; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1997, Cardinal DiNardo was ordained bishop of the Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa; his achievements as a theologian, pastor, educator, and administrator led to his appointment in 2004 as coadjutor bishop of Galveston-Houston; the diocese gained the status of a metropolitan archdiocese later that year, and Cardinal DiNardo succeeded Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza on the Archbishop's retirement; on November 24, 2007, he was elevated to the College of Cardinals, a historic milestone for the archdiocese, which encompasses 10 counties and 1.5 million Catholics within its boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, Cardinal DiNardo has won wide admiration throughout his career for his insightful sermons, deep compassion, and humble, engaging manner; in guiding the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese, he has made administrative appointments that reflect the area's diversity and has fostered a unity of faith among people of varied ethnic backgrounds; while shepherding a growing flock in South Texas, he also shares his expertise through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as an advisor to the National Association of Pastoral Musicians and as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism, and serves on the board of The Catholic University of America and with the National Catholic Partnership on Disability; and

**WHEREAS**, The inspiring spiritual leadership of Cardinal DiNardo has ushered in an exciting era for the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese, and his appointment as the first Roman Catholic Cardinal in the southern United States has gladdened the hearts of many people of faith; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby congratulate His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, on his elevation to the College of Cardinals and welcome him to the State Capitol.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 13, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate