

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 328

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Village at Incarnate Word in San Antonio on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Village at Incarnate Word is a retirement community founded by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word; and

WHEREAS, The Sisters of Charity began their work in the San Antonio area in 1869 when three members of the order arrived to care for those suffering from a yellow fever epidemic; their efforts resulted in the opening of Santa Rosa Hospital, the first hospital in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, As the needs of the area grew, the Sisters of Charity also opened an orphanage and a school, and when the needs of the elderly became pressing, a home for them was opened in 1895; and

WHEREAS, After many years of use, the home needed substantial repairs, and the decision was made to demolish it and build a new facility that would serve as a retirement home not just for the Sisters of Charity, but for laypeople as well, and the Village at Incarnate Word opened its doors on September 8, 1988; and

WHEREAS, Today, this exemplary facility offers independent and assisted living, nursing care, and a unit to care for persons with dementia; the services and care provided at the Village at Incarnate Word are truly emblematic of the compassionate heritage of the Sisters of Charity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the Sisters of Charity on their legacy of service and extend to them congratulations on the 20th anniversary of the Village at Incarnate Word; and, be it further

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

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 2, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate