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H.R. No. 1149

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A delegation from the Texas Catholic Conference is
2 visiting the State Capitol on April 6, 2011, and this occasion
3 provides a fitting opportunity to recognize the group and the many
4 contributions it is making to communities across Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, The statewide association of the 15 Roman Catholic
6 Dioceses of Texas, the Texas Catholic Conference oversees the
7 ministries of the Catholic Church in the Lone Star State, which is
8 home to about 6.7 million members of the faith; and

9 WHEREAS, Initiatives supported by the conference include
10 Respect Life, which provides assistance to women facing crisis
11 pregnancies, and Catholic Charities, a network of social service
12 organizations that work to support families, reduce poverty, and
13 build communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Across the state, 78,000 students attend Catholic
15 schools, which emphasize moral development, service to others,
16 stewardship, and leadership skills, while more than 375,000
17 children participate in Catholic religious education; Catholic
18 Family Life Ministries provides marriage preparation and marriage
19 enrichment programs, and Catholic chaplains provide pastoral care
20 for men and women interned in the Texas justice system; and

21 WHEREAS, The Texas Catholic Conference is addressing issues
22 of vital importance not only to the state's Catholic population but
23 also to all Texans, and its efforts are easing the burdens of many
24 individuals and contributing to the building of strong, healthy

1 families; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby welcome members of the Texas Catholic Conference
4 to the State Capitol and extend to them sincere best wishes for a
5 memorable and informative visit to Austin; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the conference as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.