

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, October 16, 2011, marks the 50th anniversary of the
2 founding of the Diocese of San Angelo; and

3 WHEREAS, Recognizing the growing Catholic population in and
4 around San Angelo, Pope John XXIII established the diocese on
5 October 16, 1961, carving territory previously included in the
6 dioceses of Amarillo, Austin, El Paso, and Dallas-Fort Worth;
7 Thomas J. Drury was appointed as the first bishop of the Diocese of
8 San Angelo; and

9 WHEREAS, The diocese today encompasses 29 counties and an
10 area of 37,433 square miles, roughly the size of Ohio, and it serves
11 more than 82,000 Catholics in San Angelo, Abilene, Midland-Odessa,
12 Big Spring, Andrews, and many other communities; the diocese is
13 home to 63 priests and 48 parishes/missions, as well as three
14 elementary schools and the Christ the King Retreat Center, which
15 welcomes people of all faiths; since 1985, the diocese has
16 benefited from the wise and compassionate leadership of its fifth
17 and longest-serving bishop, the Most Reverend Bishop Michael D.
18 Pfeifer, OMI; and

19 WHEREAS, For the past five decades, the Diocese of San Angelo
20 has contributed greatly to the communities it serves, and it has
21 enriched the lives of countless people of faith; now, therefore, be
22 it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding

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1 of the Diocese of San Angelo and extend to its parishioners and
2 clergy sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the diocese as an expression of high regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives.

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Darby

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2668 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House