

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 717

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in welcoming the members of the Texas Catholic Conference delegation on the occasion of their Advocacy Day at the State Capitol on April 6, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Catholic ministries provide services to Texans from all walks of life; in this state, Catholic bishops shepherd and serve 6.7 million Catholics in 15 dioceses, providing nourishment for their bodies, souls, and spirits and tirelessly advocating for the common good; and

WHEREAS, There are more than 20 Catholic Charities ministries throughout the state, and there are hundreds of parish-based social ministries, including the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, that are extended to persons of all races, religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds to assist them in their everyday lives or in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, The Catholic Respect Life program offers services to women facing unplanned pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools emphasize moral development, service to others, stewardship, and leadership skills and provide education that is grounded in faith for more than 78,000 Texas students; and

WHEREAS, Catholic religious education programs provide religious instruction and formation to more than 375,000 Catholic children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Family Life Ministries provide marriage preparation and enrichment programs and support for families, and Catholic chaplains provide pastoral care for those who are incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, Through their dedication to serving the common good, Catholic ministries in Texas contribute immeasurably to the well-being of the people of this state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby recognize the members of Catholic organizations for the many contributions they make to the citizens of Texas and proclaim April 6, 2011, as Texas Catholic Conference Advocacy Day in the State Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas Catholic Conference as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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Birdwell	Harris	Seliger
Carona	Hegar	Shapiro
Davis	Hinojosa	Uresti
Deuell	Huffman	Van de Putte
Duncan	Jackson	Watson
Ellis	Nelson	Wentworth
Eltife	Nichols	West
Estes	Ogden	Whitmire
Fraser	Patrick	Williams
Gallegos	Rodriguez	Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 6, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate