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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Catholic Diocese of Lubbock
2 celebrated the 30th anniversary of its founding on June 17, 2013;
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4 WHEREAS, The Diocese of Lubbock was established on that day
5 in 1983 by Pope John Paul II; home to 55 priests and 71 deacons, the
6 diocese oversees a region that encompasses 25 counties and 62
7 member parishes; and

8 WHEREAS, Having more than doubled in size since its
9 inception, the diocese today serves over 72,000 area Catholics;
10 Michael Sheehan, ordained as the city's first bishop, spent a
11 decade leading the institution, followed by Bishop Placido
12 Rodriguez, who has contributed vitally to this community of faith
13 for nearly 20 years; and

14 WHEREAS, During the past three decades, thousands of Texans
15 have looked to the Catholic Diocese of Lubbock for moral guidance,
16 spiritual enrichment, and fellowship, and it is a pleasure to join
17 in congratulating all those whose efforts have helped to shape its
18 rich history; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
20 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 30th
21 anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Diocese of Lubbock and
22 extend to its parishioners and clergy sincere best wishes for the
23 future; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for the diocese as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives.