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H.R. No. 2670

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bishop Mark J. Seitz has been appointed the sixth
2 bishop of the Catholic Diocese of El Paso; and

3 WHEREAS, A native of Milwaukee, Bishop Seitz knew he wanted
4 to enter the priesthood from an early age; he attended the
5 University of Dallas, earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy and
6 a master of divinity degree before being ordained in 1980; through
7 the years, he has gone on to obtain a master's degree in theology
8 from the University of Dallas and a master's degree in liturgical
9 studies from St. John's University in Minnesota, in addition to
10 attending several summer courses through the University of Notre
11 Dame and Duquesne University and completing an internship with the
12 National Catholic Bioethics Center in Boston; in 2004, he was named
13 "Prelate of Honor to His Holiness" by Pope John Paul II and was
14 given the title Monsignor; and

15 WHEREAS, Bishop Seitz previously served as the auxiliary
16 bishop with the Diocese of Dallas and led parishioners in Dallas,
17 Garland, and Waxahachie; before being named pastor of a church, he
18 taught liturgy and sacramental theology at the University of Dallas
19 and served as associate spiritual director, vice-rector, and
20 director of liturgy at Holy Trinity Seminary; he has learned to
21 speak fluent Spanish through language immersion programs,
22 including serving at a sister church in Nuevo Leon, Mexico; and

23 WHEREAS, With more than three decades in the church, Bishop
24 Seitz brings to his new post a wealth of experience and an

1 impressive record of leadership, and it is a pleasure to join in
2 honoring him for his devotion to his faith; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor Bishop Mark J. Seitz on his appointment as
5 bishop of the Catholic Diocese of El Paso and extend to him sincere
6 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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