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H.R. No. 1226

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Vicar General Daniel E. Garcia was appointed by Pope
2 Francis as auxiliary bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Austin in
3 January 2015, and he will be ordained on March 3, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Bishop-elect Garcia grew up in Cameron and earned an
5 associate's degree from Tyler Junior College, bachelor's and
6 master's degrees from St. Mary's Seminary at the University of
7 St. Thomas, and a master's degree in liturgical studies from
8 St. John's University in Minnesota; and

9 WHEREAS, Ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Austin in
10 1988 by Bishop John E. McCarthy, Bishop-elect Garcia has served as
11 associate pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Cristo Rey
12 Parish, and St. Louis King of France Parish, all in Austin, as well
13 as St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Humble; in 1995, he was named
14 founding pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin, and he
15 remained in that position until his appointment as Vicar General
16 and Moderator of the Curia in 2014; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the course of his tenure with the Austin
18 Diocese, Bishop-elect Garcia has served as vocation director and
19 master of ceremonies for the Bishop, as chair of the Presbyteral
20 Council, as dean of the Austin North Deanery, and as a member of the
21 Diocesan Vocation Team, Liturgical Commission, Diaconal Advisory
22 Committee, College of Consultors, and Priests' Personnel Board; and

23 WHEREAS, In his new role as auxiliary bishop, he will assist
24 the bishop in carrying out the duties of chief shepherd of the

1 diocese; he is the first person in the 67-year history of the Austin
2 Diocese to be appointed to serve as auxiliary bishop; and

3 WHEREAS, With his impressive array of experience in the
4 church, Bishop-elect Garcia brings to his new post an outstanding
5 record of leadership, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring him
6 for his devotion to his faith; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Vicar General Daniel E. Garcia on
9 his appointment as auxiliary bishop of the Catholic Diocese of
10 Austin and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Bishop-elect Garcia as an expression of high regard by
14 the Texas House of Representatives.