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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Most Reverend William Michael Mulvey is
2 celebrating his fifth anniversary as bishop of the Diocese of
3 Corpus Christi on March 25, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on August 23, 1949, to Daniel and
5 Marjorie Mulvey, Michael Mulvey graduated from St. Edward's
6 Catholic High School in Austin in 1967; he earned a bachelor's
7 degree in business administration from St. Edward's University
8 before pursuing his seminary education at North American College in
9 Rome; he also received a bachelor's degree in sacred theology from
10 the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas and a licentiate
11 degree from Gregorian University; and

12 WHEREAS, This esteemed clergyman was ordained in June 1975 by
13 Pope Paul VI in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, and he would go
14 on to distinguish himself in a wide range of assignments for the
15 Diocese of Austin over the course of more than three decades;
16 following initial postings as an associate pastor for St. Mary of
17 the Assumption and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parishes in Taylor and for
18 St. Louis Parish in Austin, and then a year on sabbatical studying
19 with the Focolare Movement, he spent five years as a chaplain to
20 Reicher Catholic High School in Waco, where he also served as pastor
21 of St. Joseph Parish; he then served as director of spiritual
22 formation at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston for six years, until
23 becoming pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in College Station in
24 1992; after three years in that role, he served as associate

1 director and director of the Center for Spirituality for Diocesan
2 Priests of the Focolare Movement in Florence, Italy, and Hyde Park,
3 New York, respectively; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1999, Bishop Mulvey returned to the Lone Star
5 State to become pastor of St. Helen Parish in Georgetown; between
6 2004 and 2010, he served successively as chancellor, vicar general,
7 and administrator of the Diocese of Austin, with a brief interlude
8 as vice rector for St. Mary's Seminary in 2009; and

9 WHEREAS, Bishop Mulvey was appointed to his current position
10 on January 18, 2010, by Pope Benedict XVI, and he was consecrated as
11 the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Corpus Christi on March 25,
12 2010; and

13 WHEREAS, Throughout his career in the priesthood, Bishop
14 Mulvey has carried out his ministry in a spirit of joyful service to
15 others, and it is a privilege to join in recognizing this special
16 milestone in his episcopacy; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby honor Bishop William Michael Mulvey on the
19 occasion of the fifth anniversary of his episcopal ordination and
20 extend to him sincere best wishes as he continues his important
21 work; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Bishop Mulvey as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.