

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 417**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Diocese of Tyler for its many contributions to the people of Northeast Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, The Diocese of Tyler was established in 1986 by an apostolic bull issued by Pope John Paul II; its 33 counties are served by 51 parishes, 19 missions, and three pastoral centers; and

**WHEREAS**, Since its founding, the diocese has offered invaluable support and spiritual guidance to parishioners; under the exemplary leadership of Bishop Joseph E. Strickland since 2012, its 79 active priests and 102 permanent deacons have continued to play an integral role in the life of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Attending to the spiritual, physical, and educational needs of citizens regardless of their religious affiliation, the diocese supports four Catholic hospitals and eight centers for social services, and its seven Catholic schools work diligently to fully develop each student's moral, intellectual, social, and physical gifts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Diocese of Tyler has contributed greatly to the fabric of life in the region, and it is fitting that it receive special recognition; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend the Diocese of Tyler on its commitment to serving others and extend to its clergy and parishioners best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 23, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate