

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Archbishop Emeritus Patricio Fernandez Flores of  
2 San Antonio passed away on January 9, 2017, at the age of 87,  
3 leaving behind an exceptional record as a pioneering leader in the  
4 church and as a champion for social justice; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on July 26, 1929, in Ganado to Patricio Flores  
6 and Trinidad Fernandez de Flores, Archbishop Flores grew up in  
7 Pearland; in his teens, he joined the fight for education equality  
8 by organizing community fund-raisers, which eventually helped  
9 secure the legal victory that allowed Mexican American children to  
10 attend the local public school; and

11 WHEREAS, Ordained to the priesthood on May 26, 1956, Patricio  
12 Flores spent the early years of his career in Houston, where he  
13 served as assistant pastor of Holy Name Parish, as pastor of  
14 Guardian Angel Parish, and as pastor of St. Joseph-St. Stephen  
15 Parish; in 1970, he was consecrated as the first Mexican American  
16 bishop in the United States; eight years later, he began a brief  
17 tenure as prelate of the Diocese of El Paso, and in 1979 he was  
18 appointed archbishop of San Antonio; and

19 WHEREAS, Presiding over the Archdiocese of San Antonio for  
20 more than two decades, Archbishop Flores dedicated much of his  
21 energies to issues affecting indigent women and children, the  
22 elderly, and the infirm, and he remained a fervent advocate for the  
23 rights of farmworkers; in 1987, he had the honor of welcoming Pope  
24 John Paul II to the San Antonio Archdiocese, where the pontiff

1 celebrated a mass that was attended by some 330,000 people; and

2 WHEREAS, A member of the Migration and Refugee Services  
3 Department of the U.S. Catholic Conference, Archbishop Flores also  
4 chaired the Church in Latin America Committee of the National  
5 Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Texas Advisory Committee to  
6 the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; he took pride in his heritage  
7 and encouraged other Latinos to become agents of change in their  
8 communities; in 1986, he received the Hispanic Heritage Award for  
9 leadership; and

10 WHEREAS, Profoundly devoted to his faith and to the cause of  
11 social justice, Archbishop Patricio Flores touched the lives of  
12 countless individuals in ways beyond measure, and his  
13 compassionate, selfless service to the world will be remembered far  
14 and wide with deepest appreciation; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Archbishop Patricio  
17 Fernandez Flores and extend deepest sympathy to all those who mourn  
18 his passing; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Archbishop  
22 Patricio Flores.

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Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
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H.R. No. 101

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 101 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on January 17, 2017.

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Chief Clerk of the House