RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops
are gathering in Austin on April 4, 2017, for Catholic Faith in
Action Advocacy Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, A federation of all Roman Catholic dioceses and 4 5 ordinariates in Texas, the TCCB is dedicated to extending the ministry of the state's bishops within the church community; the 6 7 organization encourages and fosters cooperation and communication among the dioceses and church ministries; monitoring accreditation 8 9 of Catholic schools, the TCCB ensures academic quality and accountability to the bishops as well as to the Texas Education 10 11 Agency; and

WHEREAS, The TCCB also addresses matters of public policy, including institutional concerns of the church and issues related to moral and social doctrine; in addition, through the Catholic Archives of Texas, it collects and preserves for researchers the records of individuals and organizations engaged in work reflecting church goals; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to meeting the needs of more than 8.4 million Catholics in 15 dioceses, the TCCB supports a wide variety of outreach efforts; these include Catholic Respect Life programs, Catholic Family Life Ministries, the chaplaincy, and parochial schools and other religious education; moreover, the church maintains Catholic Charities ministries at more than 20 locations, and it offers tangible assistance to people of all races,

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religions, and socioeconomic backgrounds through the Society of
St. Vincent de Paul and hundreds of parish-based social ministries;
and

WHEREAS, The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops makes a positive difference in the lives of countless people through its good works, and it sets an inspiring example for all through its special commitment to helping the most vulnerable members of society; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas 10 Legislature hereby recognize April 4, 2017, as Catholic Faith in 11 Action Advocacy Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those 12 participating sincere best wishes for a memorable and meaningful 13 visit to Austin; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 15 prepared for the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops as an 16 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1201 was adopted by the House on April 4, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House