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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

4 WHEREAS, The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops makes a
5 positive difference in the lives of countless people through its
6 good works, and it sets an inspiring example for all through its
7 special commitment to helping the most vulnerable members of
8 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.