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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia was appointed by
2 Pope Leo XIV as bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin on
3 July 2, 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, Bishop Garcia was ordained as a priest in the
5 Diocese of Austin in 1988, and he went on to serve as associate
6 pastor of St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Humble and three Austin
7 parishes, St. Catherine of Siena, Cristo Rey, and St. Louis King of
8 France, and as founding pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in
9 Austin; in 2014, he was named vicar general and moderator of the
10 curia, and the following year he was appointed auxiliary bishop of
11 Austin; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the years, Bishop Garcia has held a number of
13 leadership roles with the diocese, including vocation director and
14 master of ceremonies for the bishop, chair of the Presbyteral
15 Council, and dean of the Austin North Deanery, and he served as a
16 member of the Diocesan Vocation Team, Liturgical Commission,
17 Diaconal Advisory Committee, College of Consultors, and Priests'
18 Personnel Board; he left the Diocese of Austin in 2019 to become
19 bishop of the Diocese of Monterey in California; and

20 WHEREAS, A native of Central Texas, Bishop Garcia holds an
21 associate's degree from Tyler Junior College, bachelor's and
22 master's degrees from St. Mary's Seminary at the University of
23 St. Thomas, and a master's degree in liturgical studies from
24 St. John's University in Minnesota; and

1 WHEREAS, Daniel Garcia has set an inspiring example of faith
2 in action through his efforts to help the marginalized and the most
3 vulnerable, and his dedication to the Catholic Church and to his
4 fellow Texans will serve him well in his new role as bishop of the
5 Diocese of Austin; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
7 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the Most
8 Reverend Daniel E. Garcia on his appointment as bishop of the
9 Catholic Diocese of Austin and extend to him sincere best wishes for
10 the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Bishop Garcia as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.