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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Bishop James Anthony Tamayo on his years of outstanding service as bishop of the Diocese of Laredo and in honor of the 25th anniversary of the diocese; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Pope John Paul II appointed Bishop James Anthony Tamayo to guide the newly created Diocese of Laredo to meet the unique pastoral needs of South Texas; prior to this appointment, Bishop Tamayo faithfully ministered to parishes in the area as the first Episcopal Vicar of the Western Vicarate of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, and he was appointed auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston in 1993 and served diligently in this role until his installation as bishop in Laredo; and

WHEREAS, During his 25 years of leadership of the Diocese of Laredo, Bishop Tamayo has worked to build a strong and unified diocese amidst a diverse and growing population of parishioners; he has promoted a culture of faith that prioritizes outreach and community service, and he has guided the development of numerous initiatives that promote social justice and education for Catholics in the region; and

WHEREAS, The celebratory year commemorating the Diocese of Laredo's 25th anniversary offers a fitting opportunity to reflect on its many successes and on the compassionate example

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and devoted stewardship provided by Bishop Tamayo throughout his exceptional tenure of leadership; his distinguished service has been a valuable asset to the Diocese of Laredo, and he has remained tireless in his commitment to serving the parishes and communities of South Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby commend Bishop James Anthony Tamayo on his exemplary leadership of the Diocese of Laredo throughout its 25-year history and extend to the many clergy and faithful parishioners of the diocese best wishes for the future and for a memorable 25th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Diocese of Laredo as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.