

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 350

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez, archbishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, is serving as Pastor of the Day for the Texas Senate on April 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Installed as auxiliary bishop in 2002, Archbishop Vásquez served the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston as the vicar general/chancellor, overseeing administrative operations of the archdiocese, which is the largest in the state and the 11th largest in the country; he also held the roles of moderator of the curia, secretariat director for administration, and episcopal vicar for Hispanics; in 2010, he became the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Austin, and after 15 years of dedicated service, he was installed as the ninth archbishop of Galveston-Houston on March 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Vásquez further contributes to his faith community as a consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities and as lead bishop for Region X for the Fifth National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry; moreover, he previously served the USCCB in a number of roles, including as chair of the Committee on Migration, as a member of the Administrative Committee and the Committee for Religious Liberty, and as a member of the boards of Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network; and

WHEREAS, Born in Stamford, Archbishop Vásquez studied theology at the University of St. Thomas in Houston and continued his education in Rome at the Gregorian University, North American College; he was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of San Angelo in 1984 and went on to serve as associate pastor of St. Joseph

Parish in Odessa, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Fort Stockton, and pastor of St. Joseph Parish in San Angelo; and

WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest standards of his vocation, Joe Vásquez has inspired countless Texans through his messages of faith and goodwill, and it is a great privilege to welcome him to the State Capitol; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby honor the Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez for his service as Pastor of the Day and congratulate him on his installation as archbishop of Galveston-Houston; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Archbishop Vásquez as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Bettencourt

Alvarado	Hall	Middleton
Birdwell	Hancock	Miles
Blanco	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	Nichols
Campbell	Hinojosa of Nueces	Parker
Cook	Huffman	Paxton
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Eckhardt	Johnson	Schwertner
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Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 1, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate