

By: Bettencourt

S.R. No. 350

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Born in Stamford, Archbishop Vásquez studied
24 theology at the University of St. Thomas in Houston and continued

1 his education in Rome at the Gregorian University, North American
2 College; he was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of San Angelo
3 in 1984 and went on to serve as associate pastor of St. Joseph
4 Parish in Odessa, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Fort Stockton, and
5 pastor of St. Joseph Parish in San Angelo; and

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

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

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Archbishop Vásquez as an expression of high regard by
16 the Texas Senate.