

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop
2 of Galveston-Houston, is delivering the invocation to the 81st
3 Texas Legislature on January 13, 2009, and this occasion presents a
4 fitting opportunity to congratulate him on his appointment as the
5 first Roman Catholic Cardinal in the American South; and

6 WHEREAS, The son of Nicholas and Jane DiNardo, Cardinal
7 DiNardo was born on May 23, 1949, in Steubenville, Ohio, and grew up
8 in neighboring Pittsburgh, after earning his bachelor's and
9 master's degrees in philosophy from The Catholic University of
10 America, this gifted scholar went on to study theology in Rome at
11 the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Augustinianum; he was
12 ordained in 1977 and served in the Diocese of Pittsburgh as a
13 parochial vicar, an assistant chancellor, and a professor at St.
14 Paul Seminary; and

15 WHEREAS, An appointment to the Vatican Congregation for
16 Bishops took Cardinal DiNardo back to Rome in 1984; six years later,
17 he requested to return to pastoral duties in the United States, and
18 the bishop of Pittsburgh eventually selected him to found the new
19 parish of Saints John and Paul; in addition, he served as an
20 assistant spiritual director at St. Paul Seminary and taught in the
21 formation program for priests; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1997, Cardinal DiNardo was ordained bishop of the
23 Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa; his achievements as a theologian,
24 pastor, educator, and administrator led to his appointment in 2004

1 as coadjutor bishop of Galveston-Houston; the diocese gained the
2 status of a metropolitan archdiocese later that year, and Cardinal
3 DiNardo succeeded Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza on the Archbishop's
4 retirement; on November 24, 2007, he was elevated to the College of
5 Cardinals, a historic milestone for the archdiocese, which
6 encompasses 10 counties and 1.5 million Catholics within its
7 boundaries; and

8 WHEREAS, Cardinal DiNardo has won wide admiration throughout
9 his career for his insightful sermons, deep compassion, and humble,
10 engaging manner; in guiding the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese, he
11 has made administrative appointments that reflect the area's
12 diversity and has fostered a unity of faith among people of varied
13 ethnic backgrounds; while shepherding a growing flock in South
14 Texas, he also shares his expertise through the United States
15 Conference of Catholic Bishops as an advisor to the National
16 Association of Pastoral Musicians and as a member of the Ad Hoc
17 Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism, and serves on the
18 board of The Catholic University of America and with the National
19 Catholic Partnership on Disability; and

20 WHEREAS, The inspiring spiritual leadership of Cardinal
21 DiNardo has ushered in an exciting era for the Galveston-Houston
22 Archdiocese, and his appointment as the first Roman Catholic
23 Cardinal in the southern United States has gladdened the hearts of
24 many people of faith; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
26 hereby congratulate His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo,
27 Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, on his elevation to the College of

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1 Cardinals and welcome him to the State Capitol.

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David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 17 was adopted by the House on January 13, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 17 was adopted by the Senate on January 14, 2009, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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