

110TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 145

Recognizing the public service of Archbishop Patrick Flores.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2007

Mr. GONZALEZ (for himself, Mr. BACA, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. PAUL, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. SMITH of Texas, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the public service of Archbishop Patrick Flores.

Whereas Archbishop Patrick Flores became the first Mexican-American bishop in the United States on Cinco de Mayo, May 5, 1970;

Whereas Archbishop Flores was only the second Hispanic Archbishop in the United States;

Whereas Archbishop Flores served over 34 years in the Archdiocese of San Antonio;

Whereas Archbishop Flores retired in December 2004 with the longest active service of any Hispanic bishop in the United States;

Whereas Archbishop Flores has been a leader in developing the next generation of Hispanic leadership and in promoting multi-cultural understanding with the creation of the Mexican-American Cultural Center;

Whereas Archbishop Flores has been a leader in the foundation and growth of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, which has provided over 78,000 scholarships in excess of \$195 million to Hispanics across the United States;

Whereas Archbishop Flores has been a leader in the restoration of the historic San Fernando Cathedral;

Whereas Archbishop Flores has been a leader in promoting the economic development of long neglected neighborhoods in his Archdiocese;

Whereas Archbishop Flores has been a leader in the areas of civil rights, immigrant rights, public housing, public health, education, and the rights and welfare of the poor and the vulnerable; and

Whereas Archbishop Flores has been a leader in the effort to engage more young Catholics in service to their community, their country, and their Church: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes Archbishop Patrick Flores for his  
3       leadership in improving the opportunities of His-  
4       panics in the United States;

5               (2) praises Archbishop Flores for his 34 years  
6       of serving the diverse and growing needs of the  
7       Archdiocese of San Antonio as bishop; and

1           (3) thanks Archbishop Flores for a life of public  
2           service in the areas of civil rights, health, and edu-  
3           cation.

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