

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 79

Recognizing the public service of Archbishop Patrick Flores.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2005

Mr. GONZALEZ (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. BONILLA, and Mr. CUELLAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on 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 Patrick Flores retired in December 2004 with the longest active service of any Hispanic bishop in the United States;

Whereas Archbishop Patrick Flores served over 34 years in the Archdiocese of San Antonio and he was only the second Hispanic Archbishop in the United States;

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

Whereas Archbishop Patrick Flores has been a leader in the foundation and growth of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, which has provided over 68,000 scholarships in excess of \$144 million to Hispanics across the United States;

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

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

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

Whereas Archbishop Patrick 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 Representative—

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 Patrick Flores for his  
6       34 years of service as bishop serving the diverse and  
7       growing needs of the Archdiocese of San Antonio;

8               (3) thanks Archbishop Patrick Flores for a life  
9       of public service in the causes of civil rights, health,  
10      and education for all Americans; and

1           (4) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-  
2           atives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution  
3           to Archbishop Patrick Flores and to the Archdiocese  
4           of San Antonio for appropriate display.

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