

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Extraordinary Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

SENATE  
RESOLUTION 2x

By: Johnson

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A Resolution congratulating the Diocese of Oklahoma upon the occasion of its centennial; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, on October 12, 1875, permanent Catholic missionaries arrived in Indian Territory. Having attained the status of Apostolic Prefecture of the Indian Territory on July 5, 1876, and Apostolic Vicariate of the Indian Territory on May 29, 1891, on August 17, 1905, the Diocese of Oklahoma was created; and

WHEREAS, leaders of the Catholic Church in Oklahoma include Benedictines Isidore Robot and Ignatius Jean (1875-1891), Bishop Theophile Meerschaert (1891-1924), Bishop Francis Clement Kelley (1924-1944), Bishop Eugene J. McGuinness (1945-1957), Bishop Victor J. Reed (1958-1971), Archbishop John R. Quinn (1972-1975), Archbishop Charles A. Salatka (1977-1993), and Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran (1993-present); and

WHEREAS, more information is available in the book "Roman and Oklahoman: A Centennial History of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City". A Heritage Room has been established at the Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City featuring artifacts reflecting the history of the church; and

WHEREAS, a mass to observe the centennial of the founding of the Diocese of Oklahoma (1905-2005) was celebrated on August 14, 2005, at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates the Diocese of Oklahoma upon the occasion of its centennial.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

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