
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 389 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY RAMALEY, BIANCUCCI, READSHAW, MARKOSEK, WALKO, BEYER, BLACKWELL, BOBACK, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, COHEN, CONKLIN, DALEY, DePASQUALE, DIGIROLAMO, DONATUCCI, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE, GERGELY, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHART, HELM, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, W. KELLER, KENNEY, KOTIK, KULA, LEVDANSKY, MAHONEY, MANDERINO, MANTZ, MARSHALL, McILHATTAN, MELIO, MILLARD, MOUL, MURT, MUSTIO, PALLONE, PARKER, PETRONE, PRESTON, QUIGLEY, SAINATO, SAYLOR, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, SURRA, TANGRETTI, R. TAYLOR, VEREB, VULAKOVICH, WATERS, WHEATLEY, J. WHITE, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD AND HARHAI,
SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Most Reverend David Allen Zubik, a native
2 Pennsylvanian, who was recently named by Pope Benedict XVI as
3 the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh of the Roman
4 Catholic Church.

5 WHEREAS, On July 18, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI named Bishop
6 Zubik of Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese
7 of Pittsburgh; and

8 WHEREAS, Bishop Zubik, a popular former Pittsburgh Auxiliary
9 Bishop, was born on September 4, 1949, in Sewickley and grew up
10 in Ambridge, where he attended St. Stanislaus Elementary School
11 and St. Veronica High School before entering St. Paul Seminary
12 in Pittsburgh; and

13 WHEREAS, Bishop Zubik's father and late mother, Stanley and

1 Susan, resided for many years in Ambridge and were members of
2 Good Samaritan Parish; and

3 WHEREAS, Bishop Zubik earned his undergraduate degree from
4 Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in 1971 and continued his
5 studies at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore,
6 Maryland, where he earned a degree in theology; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1980 Bishop Zubik began graduate studies in the
8 School of Education at Duquesne University, where he earned a
9 master's degree in education administration in 1982; and

10 WHEREAS, Bishop Zubik has held a variety of posts in the
11 hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Bishop Zubik spent five years as Parochial Vicar at
13 Sacred Heart Parish in Shadyside and then became vice principal
14 of Quigley Catholic High School in Baden; and

15 WHEREAS, Bishop Anthony Bevilacqua chose Bishop Zubik as his
16 Administrative Secretary in 1987; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1991 Bishop Zubik became the Diocesan Director of
18 Clergy Personnel; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1995 Bishop Zubik was named Associate General
20 Secretary and Chancellor of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1996, under Bishop Donald Wuerl, Bishop Zubik
22 became Vicar General and General Secretary of the Diocese of
23 Pittsburgh, overseeing day-to-day operations; and

24 WHEREAS, Pope John Paul II appointed Bishop Zubik Auxiliary
25 Bishop of Pittsburgh in 1997; and

26 WHEREAS, Bishop Zubik has served as Bishop of Green Bay,
27 Wisconsin, since October 2003; and

28 WHEREAS, Bishop Zubik has served the Church on many boards
29 and committees at the diocesan, local and national levels,
30 including St. Paul and St. Vincent Seminaries, the Pennsylvania

1 Catholic Conference of Bishops, the Duquesne University Board of
2 Directors, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops'
3 Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry and the United States
4 Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Priestly Formation;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Bishop Zubik is chairman of the United States
7 Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on the Laity and
8 serves on the conference's Administrative Committee, the Audit
9 Subcommittee and the National Advisory Council; and

10 WHEREAS, Bishop Zubik is succeeding Archbishop Wuerl, who was
11 Bishop of Pittsburgh for 18 years before his installation as
12 Archbishop of Washington, DC, in June 2006; and

13 WHEREAS, As stated by Archbishop Wuerl, "Bishop Zubik knows,
14 loves and has served the Church of Pittsburgh, and has walked
15 with it through all its many moments of challenge and
16 development for the past 20 years"; and

17 WHEREAS, Bishop Zubik is known as a very prayerful, spiritual
18 leader whose strengths are working for social justice and the
19 spiritual renewal of the people; and

20 WHEREAS, Bishop Zubik is the fifth native son to lead the
21 Diocese of Pittsburgh; and

22 WHEREAS, Bishop Zubik's Mass of Installation is being held
23 September 28, 2007, in Saint Paul Cathedral, Oakland; therefore
24 be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the Most
26 Reverend David Allen Zubik on being named the 12th Bishop of the
27 Diocese of Pittsburgh by Pope Benedict XVI; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives warmly welcome
29 home native son Bishop Zubik and wish him well on the occasion
30 of his Mass of Installation and in his endeavors on behalf of

1 the parishioners of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the citizens
2 of the greater Pittsburgh community; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
4 Bishop Zubik in care of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and to the
5 Diocese of Pittsburgh, 111 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh PA
6 15222.