

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to
3 recognize Sisters of Mercy, a religious order that serves people
4 all over the world through education, health care and other
5 ministries; and

6 WHEREAS, The Congregation of Sisters of Mercy was founded by
7 Catherine McAuley, of Dublin, Ireland, who was known for her
8 passion for helping the poor; she inherited a sizable fortune and
9 built the House of Mercy, where she cared for and educated destitute
10 girls and from which she and others went out to visit the sick and to
11 take them both spiritual and material help to ease their suffering;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Catherine was encouraged by the clergy to establish
14 a religious community to ensure her work would continue after her
15 death, and after a year of instruction, she and two other women
16 became the first Sisters of Mercy in 1831; the congregation grew
17 rapidly and soon would encircle the world to nurse the sick,
18 minister to the poor and teach the uneducated; and

19 WHEREAS, Three Sisters of Mercy arrived in Laredo in 1894,
20 and with just \$445 and a vision for healing, they established the
21 city's first hospital, Mercy Hospital; its successor, Mercy Health
22 Center, is recognized as one of the top hospitals in the nation and
23 twice was named one of the 100 Top Hospitals; and

24 WHEREAS, The good works performed by Sisters of Mercy are

1 immeasurable, and the hospital they established 109 years ago in
2 Laredo today impacts the lives of almost every citizen in the Laredo
3 area; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
5 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to Sisters of Mercy for the
6 order's invaluable work on behalf of the citizens of South Texas and
7 citizens around the globe; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared as an
9 expression of esteem from the Texas Legislature.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 4 was adopted by the Senate
on September 25, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 4 was adopted by the House
on September 25, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor