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H.R. No. 82

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of the Reverend Monsignor Timothy J.
2 Murphy, P.A., V.G., J.C.L., of Midland on January 16, 2004, at the
3 age of 68, has brought a profound loss to the family and friends of
4 this esteemed spiritual leader; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on August 31, 1935, in Queens, New York,
6 Monsignor Murphy graduated from Cathedral Seminary High School in
7 Brooklyn before completing his college course work at St. Mary's
8 Seminary in Kentucky and his theological studies at the Pontifical
9 College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio; following his ordination to
10 the Catholic priesthood on May 26, 1962, Monsignor Murphy earned a
11 licentiate degree from The Catholic University of America in
12 Washington, D.C., where he studied canon law; and

13 WHEREAS, Monsignor Murphy ably served the religious
14 community in a host of positions throughout his illustrious tenure
15 with the church; pastor at Holy Angels Church in San Angelo, Holy
16 Family Church in Abilene, and, most recently, St. Ann Church in
17 Midland, he also served as judicial vicar of the Diocese of San
18 Angelo since 1967, chancellor of the diocese from 1970 to 1980, and
19 vicar general of the diocese from 1980 until his passing; in
20 addition to overseeing the construction of new churches and an
21 office building, Monsignor Murphy demonstrated commendable
22 leadership as a diocesan consultant, as a superintendent of schools,
23 and as a member of the Presbyteral Council, the Priests' Personnel
24 Board, the Priests' Pension Plan, and the Diocesan Finance Council;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Twice recognized for his excellence by Pope John
3 Paul II, Monsignor Murphy was named a Chaplain of Honor to His
4 Holiness in 1989, and in 1995 he was promoted to Protonotary
5 Apostolic, the highest degree of domestic prelate in the Catholic
6 Church; and

7 WHEREAS, Timothy J. Murphy was a man of sterling character,
8 unwavering conviction, and upstanding faith; although he will be
9 greatly missed, his legacy will live on in the hearts of those whose
10 lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
13 the Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Murphy and extend deepest
14 sympathy to the members of his family: to his sister, Colonel
15 Patricia Murphy, USAF, retired; to his brother, Emmet Murphy; to
16 his nieces and nephews; and to the other relatives and many friends
17 of this beloved man; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the
21 Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Murphy.