

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Father Seamus Joseph McGowan is being elevated to  
2 Monsignor in June 2007, a month that also marks the 50th anniversary  
3 of his ordination, and his years of dedicated service to the Diocese  
4 of Corpus Christi are truly worthy of recognition; and

5           WHEREAS, Ordained to the priesthood on June 16, 1957, Father  
6 McGowan celebrated his first Mass in the same church in which he was  
7 baptized and arrived in Corpus Christi in October of that same year;  
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9           WHEREAS, Through the decades, he served in parishes across  
10 South Texas, including St. Patrick's Church in Corpus Christi,  
11 St. Anthony Church in Robstown, St. John of the Cross Parish in  
12 Orange Grove, and Sacred Heart Church in Sinton; and

13           WHEREAS, Father McGowan has dedicated countless hours to  
14 ministering to the sick since his retirement in 1997, and further  
15 shared his time assisting St. Peter Church in Corpus Christi; and

16           WHEREAS, His compassion, wisdom, and abiding concern for the  
17 well-being of others have earned Father McGowan the affection and  
18 respect of many, and it is a pleasure to take this opportunity to  
19 honor him; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Father Seamus Joseph McGowan on  
22 being elevated to Monsignor and commend him for 50 years of service  
23 in the priesthood; and, be it further

24           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

H.R. No. 2216

1 prepared for Father McGowan as an expression of high regard by the  
2 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2216 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House