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H.R. No. 2216

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

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