

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A distinguished ecclesiastical career is nearing
2 its end as the Most Reverend Edmond Carmody prepares to conclude his
3 service as bishop of Corpus Christi; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Moyvane, County Kerry, Ireland, on January
5 12, 1934, Edmond Carmody entered the Major Seminary of St.
6 Patrick's College at Carlow, Ireland, in 1951 and was ordained to
7 the priesthood for the Archdiocese of San Antonio on June 8, 1957;
8 following his arrival in Texas, Bishop Carmody served as associate
9 pastor of St. Mary's Church in Victoria and in similar capacities at
10 St. Margaret Mary's and St. Henry's Churches in San Antonio; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1965, Bishop Carmody was named assistant
12 archdiocesan chaplain of scouts for his substantial involvement in
13 the scouting movement; he became chaplain of Incarnate Word High
14 School and secretary to the Archdiocesan Tribunal in San Antonio
15 the following year, and he continued to serve in those posts for the
16 next 17 years; during that time, he also completed a six-year term
17 as chaplain to the Texas Army National Guard; and

18 WHEREAS, Bishop Carmody furthered his education at Our Lady
19 of the Lake University in the late 1960s and early 1970s, earning
20 master's degrees in education and social work, and he is the
21 recipient of a doctorate of humane letters from the University of
22 the Incarnate Word in San Antonio; and

23 WHEREAS, In 1974, Bishop Carmody was appointed director of
24 the Family Life Program, which garnered him national recognition

1 and a position as a delegate to the White House Conference on
2 Families in 1980; he left Texas in 1983 to perform missionary work
3 with the Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle in Guayaquil,
4 Ecuador, and was called back to Texas in 1988 when he was selected
5 as auxiliary bishop of San Antonio by Pope John Paul II; and

6 WHEREAS, After his ordainment, Bishop Carmody served in San
7 Antonio until his assignment as bishop of the Diocese of Tyler in
8 May 1992, and he was named bishop of Corpus Christi in early 2000;
9 in addition to the duties of these offices, he has undertaken a
10 number of other important roles since 1992, including his work as
11 chairman of the missions committee and as a member of both the
12 Marriage and Family Life Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on
13 Economic Concerns of the Holy See for the National Conference of
14 Catholic Bishops; moreover, he has served as state chaplain for the
15 Knights of Columbus and as an executive board member for the East
16 Texas Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America; and

17 WHEREAS, Bishop Carmody has figured prominently in a number
18 of significant community endeavors during his tenure in Corpus
19 Christi; these include the creation of John Paul II High School and
20 the building of Mother Teresa Shelter, which serves as a vital
21 resource for Corpus Christi's homeless, and he has worked closely
22 with the Diabetes Association to promote education about the
23 disease; this esteemed Texan plans to remain in the area and
24 continue his work in behalf of the community after concluding his
25 official duties as bishop of the diocese; and

26 WHEREAS, The inspiring spiritual leadership of Bishop Edmond
27 Carmody has energized and unified the Diocese of Corpus Christi,

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1 and residents will long benefit from his exceptional legacy of
2 faith and service to others; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor the noteworthy career of Bishop Edmond
5 Carmody and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
6 happiness and fulfillment; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Bishop Carmody as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.

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Rios Ybarra
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Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
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Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
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Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
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Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 200 was adopted by the House on March 30, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House