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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,

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.