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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the loss of U.S. Army
2 Colonel and Chaplain Monsignor Sidney J. Marceaux, Jr., of
3 Beaumont, who died on September 14, 2008, at the age of 69; and

4 WHEREAS, This esteemed clergyman and soldier was born in
5 Kaplan, Louisiana, on November 24, 1938, to Sidney Marceaux, Sr.,
6 and Lydie Boudoin Marceaux; in 1946, he moved with his family to
7 Port Arthur, where he graduated from Bishop Byrne High School; and

8 WHEREAS, At the age of 17, Sidney Marceaux joined the Texas
9 National Guard, and from 1955 to 1963, he served as a rifleman,
10 truck driver, and radio operator; he continued his education at
11 Lamar University in Beaumont and earned his bachelor's degree in
12 social studies from St. Edward's University in Austin in 1962; he
13 then taught at Stephen F. Austin High School in Port Acres for three
14 years before entering the seminary; and

15 WHEREAS, He was ordained as a priest in 1970 and worked as a
16 teacher and a counselor at Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School in
17 Beaumont; he went on to play an active role in the Diocese of
18 Beaumont as superintendent of Catholic schools, vicar general, and
19 member of the college of consultors; from 1971 to 1990, Monsignor
20 Marceaux served in the tribunal for the diocese, and in 1989, he was
21 elected to a three-year term as president of the Canon Law Society
22 of America; he served at a number of churches in Southeast Texas,
23 including Immaculate Conception in Groves, St. Anne and St.
24 Joseph's in Beaumont, St. Charles Borromeo in Nederland, Our Lady

1 of Victory in Sour Lake, and Our Lady of Sorrows in China; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1974, Monsignor Marceaux received a commission as
3 a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve, and he regularly
4 attended weekend training until 1991, when he was called into
5 active duty during the Desert Storm conflict; stationed in Saudi
6 Arabia, he was senior chaplain at a base and headquarters for
7 coalition forces; and

8 WHEREAS, Monsignor Marceaux went on to serve as chaplain in
9 Fort Bragg, Cuba, Japan, and NATO Headquarters in Brussels;
10 although he was due to retire at the end of 2007, he requested one
11 more tour of duty to minister to combat troops in Kuwait; and

12 WHEREAS, Sidney Marceaux dedicated his life to providing
13 comfort, counsel, and inspiration to others, serving as a priest
14 for 38 years and in the military for 45 years; affectionately known
15 to his fellow soldiers as "Father Sid," he devoted himself
16 selflessly to the pastoral care of the young men and women who
17 defend our nation, and his fellow citizens owe him a debt of
18 gratitude that the passage of time can never diminish; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Army Colonel and
22 Chaplain Sidney J. Marceaux, Jr., and extend sincere condolences to
23 the members of his family: to his sister, Judy Marceaux; to his
24 brothers, Floyd and John Marceaux; and to his other relatives and
25 friends; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Monsignor
2 Sidney Marceaux.