

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

In Memory
of
Edward J. Dokupil

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Bastrop in mourning the loss of the Right Reverend Monsignor Edward J. Dokupil, who died January 18, 2009, at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, Edward Dokupil was born October 31, 1936; a self-described temperamental child who hated school, he left home to enroll in the seminary, and he was ordained into the priesthood in 1964; and

WHEREAS, For nearly forty years, Monsignor Dokupil served the parishioners of Ascension Catholic Church in Bastrop; under his steady leadership, the church grew from 100 to more than 1,000 families; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Dokupil strove to make his church a place of inclusion where all felt welcome; he initiated a Spanish Mass even though he barely spoke the language and encouraged young people to attend by featuring contemporary music and PowerPoint presentations in special services; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, Monsignor Dokupil gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and timely counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

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WHEREAS, He was a devoted pastor, brother, and friend, and his family and friends will continue to live with the cherished memories of his life and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of the Right Reverend Monsignor Edward J. Dokupil: his sister, RosaLee Wilkerson; and his brothers, Tom, Bob, Charles, and William Dokupil; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the Right Reverend Monsignor Edward J. Dokupil.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 26, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate