

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

In Memory  
of  
Hunter Mason Morris

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of the Reverend-Canon Hunter Mason Morris, who died December 22, 2010, at the age of 77; and

**WHEREAS**, Hunter Mason Morris was born on April 23, 1933, in San Angelo to Gilbert Marvin Morris and Doris Mason Morris; he moved with his family to Austin when he was a child; he attended Austin High School, served as a delegate to the Texas Student Council, and continued to serve his 1951 graduating class as chairman for various class reunions; and

**WHEREAS**, He attended The University of Texas at Austin, where he was in the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps upon graduation; he had a distinguished career in the military and moved from serving his country to serving his church; and

**WHEREAS**, He attended the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin and was ordained at the Church of the Good Shepherd; he then served as rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Crockett and then as assistant rector at Saint John the Divine in Houston; and

**WHEREAS**, During his long career with the church, he served as executive director of the Episcopal Mission Society in New York City and as executive officer in the Diocese of Arizona, where he was made canon; he was also president of the United States Conference of Diocesan Executives, regional director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and rector of Emmanuel Church in Lockhart; and

**WHEREAS**, He was especially active as a progressive community leader in Houston in the 1960s; he served as executive director of Protestant Charities, and he founded the influential Houston Metropolitan Ministries; in recognition of his interfaith work and his support of the civil rights movement, he was an invited faith dignitary in the funeral procession of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, A highly respected and esteemed church and community leader, Hunter Morris had a positive influence on the lives of many people; he ran Camp Allen, an Episcopal Church camp in East Texas, for many summers, and he was active with the Lions Club and the Rotary Club; he raised funds for the Boy Scouts of America and assisted local service agencies in Austin; he also remained active in the Navy Reserve as a Marine chaplain; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a descendent of early Texas pioneers and was proud of his ancestry; a born leader, decorated war veteran, ecumenical church leader, devoted family man, and true-blue Texan, Hunter Mason Morris lived life to the fullest; he enjoyed camping, bass fishing, gardening, philately, and spending time with his grandchildren; a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and all those who had the good fortune of knowing him; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of the Reverend-Canon Hunter Mason Morris and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family; 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 Reverend-Canon Hunter Mason Morris.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 24, 2011, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate