

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 344

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Right Reverend Monsignor Stanley Andrew Sliwiak, who is retiring after decades of exemplary service to the people of Texas and the Catholic Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Monsignor Sliwiak moved to this country from his native Poland after having endured the hardships of World War II; he attended Loyola University, where he overcame numerous obstacles to earn a doctorate in psychology; and

**WHEREAS**, He served for more than 30 years as a priest in Corpus Christi and Alice; he was named Monsignor by Bishop Rene Gracida on March 22, 1996, and came to Laredo the next year, where he has served as pastor at Blessed Sacrament Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Through the years, Monsignor Sliwiak has ministered to the temporal and spiritual needs of countless people; he has been a steadfast supporter of education, promoting the success of Blessed Sacrament School and working to expand its programs to include sixth, seventh, and eighth grades; and

**WHEREAS**, Inspirational and dedicated to helping others, Monsignor Sliwiak has played a vital role in the life of the Laredo community, supporting numerous charitable undertakings; and

**WHEREAS**, An accomplished scholar and theologian, Monsignor Sliwiak has had a profound influence on the lives of his parishioners, and his presence at Blessed Sacrament Church will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the Right Reverend Monsignor Stanley Andrew Sliwiak on his dedication, his leadership, and his compassionate work and extend to him best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on February 22, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate