

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 855

In Memory
of
Philip Johnson

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of the Reverend Monsignor Philip Johnson, who died April 20, 2013, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, Philip Louis Johnson was born May 25, 1938, in Fairfield, Maine, to Thelma Murphy Johnson and Gordon Emmet; he moved with his family to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex as a young man and graduated from Arlington High School; he attended the University of Dallas and Assumption Seminary and was ordained into the priesthood in 1964 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dallas; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, his pastoral assignments included Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish in Dallas, Saint John the Apostle Parish in North Richland Hills, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Decatur, and Saint Mary Parish in Jacksboro; and

WHEREAS, He was the founding pastor of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in Arlington, and he served as pastor and pastor emeritus of Saint Michael Parish in Bedford; in 2008, he was appointed by His Holiness Benedict XVI as a Prelate of Honor to His Holiness, with the title of Monsignor; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, Monsignor Johnson served in a variety of capacities; he was a diocesan youth director and served as president of the Priests' Senate and as a Marriage Tribunal advocate; his community activities included service on the boards of the Arlington Night Shelter and Arlington Memorial Hospital; and

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WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, valued counsel, and enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of the Reverend Monsignor Philip Johnson; 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 Monsignor Philip Johnson.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 9, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate