

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Bishop John E. McCarthy of Austin passed away on  
2 August 18, 2018, at the age of 88, leaving behind an exceptional  
3 record of social advocacy and charity work; and

4           WHEREAS, John McCarthy was born in Houston on June 21, 1930,  
5 to George and Grace McCarthy; a graduate of St. Thomas High School,  
6 he received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in theology  
7 from the University of St. Thomas; and

8           WHEREAS, Ordained to the priesthood on May 26, 1956, Bishop  
9 McCarthy spent the early years of his career in Pasadena, where he  
10 served as assistant pastor at St. Pius Parish; following his tenure  
11 as assistant pastor at St. Cecilia's Parish and administrator of  
12 All Saints' Parish, both in Houston, he was appointed executive  
13 director of the Bishops' Committee for the Spanish Speaking in San  
14 Antonio; and

15           WHEREAS, From 1967 through 1969, Bishop McCarthy was involved  
16 with the U.S. Catholic Conference in Washington, D.C., and served  
17 as director of the Division for Poverty Programs; embracing the  
18 civil rights movement, he became a founding member of the Catholic  
19 Campaign for Human Development, which addresses poverty nationwide  
20 and holds civic leaders accountable for their communities; he  
21 returned to Houston in 1969 as pastor of St. Theresa's Parish and  
22 went on to serve as executive director of the Texas Catholic  
23 Conference and auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of  
24 Galveston-Houston; and

1           WHEREAS, Appointed bishop of the Austin Diocese in 1986,  
2 Bishop McCarthy dedicated himself to meeting the needs of his  
3 fast-growing district throughout his 15-year tenure; known for his  
4 signature mantra of "Let us go forth, and let us go forth together,"  
5 he established missionary programs, encouraged social advocacy and  
6 charity work, and opened Catholic schools and parishes, never  
7 seeking recognition for his achievements; and

8           WHEREAS, Profoundly devoted to his faith, to serving the  
9 poor, and to reaching out to people of all backgrounds, Bishop John  
10 McCarthy touched the lives of countless individuals in ways beyond  
11 measure, and his compassionate, selfless works will be remembered  
12 with deepest appreciation; now, therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bishop John E.  
15 McCarthy and extend deepest sympathy to all those who mourn his  
16 passing; and, be it further

17           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bishop John  
20 McCarthy.

Hinojosa  
Farrar  
Frank  
Goldman  
Murphy  
Perez  
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H.R. No. 96

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 96 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 27, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House