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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.