

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The retirement of Robert C. "Bob" Parker, P.E., of  
2 Val Verde County from the Texas Department of Transportation  
3 (TxDOT) brings to a close a 32-year career of outstanding service to  
4 the State of Texas; and

5           WHEREAS, Born and raised in Carrizo Springs, Mr. Parker  
6 earned a degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University; he  
7 joined the Texas Highway Department in August 1972, taking a post in  
8 the design/construction office of the Del Rio District; and

9           WHEREAS, Two years later Mr. Parker transferred to what is  
10 now the Del Rio Area Office, and in 1980 he became Del Rio Area  
11 engineer; over the course of more than three decades, this TxDOT  
12 veteran has worked within three different districts: Del Rio, San  
13 Angelo, and Laredo; and

14           WHEREAS, With his promotion to area engineer, Mr. Parker  
15 assumed the oversight of construction and maintenance projects in  
16 Edwards, Real, Val Verde, and Kinney counties; since 1993, when the  
17 Laredo District was created, he has had responsibility for the  
18 three-county area of Maverick, Kinney, and Val Verde; and

19           WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. Parker has immersed himself  
20 in the rich cultural and archaeological history of the region,  
21 devoting many hours to the study of Indian pictographs, rock  
22 shelters, mounds, and middens; long interested in metalwork,  
23 woodwork, and geology, he has recently begun to fashion  
24 Indian-style artifacts using primitive tools; among the

1 memorabilia he most treasures are two certificates he received for  
2 his participation in an archaeological demonstration sponsored by  
3 the National Park Service/Whitehead Museum; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Parker and his wife, Marlu, have been married  
5 for 30 years; their two sons, Travis and Troy, are heirs to a long  
6 tradition of TxDOT service, for, in addition to their father's  
7 distinguished career, their paternal and maternal grandfathers  
8 both retired from the Texas Department of Highways and Public  
9 Transportation after 33 and 26 years, respectively; and

10 WHEREAS, Hundreds of transportation projects along the Rio  
11 Grande and into the Hill Country bear the mark of Bob Parker's  
12 engineering expertise, firm integrity, and dedication to his work,  
13 and area citizens and countless travelers are truly in his debt;  
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
16 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Robert C. "Bob"  
17 Parker, P.E., on the occasion of his retirement as Del Rio Area  
18 engineer with the Texas Department of Transportation and extend to  
19 him sincere appreciation for his outstanding public service; and,  
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Mr. Parker as an expression of high esteem by the Texas  
23 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 187

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 187 was adopted by the House on July 28, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House