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H.R. No. 497

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Irving owe a tremendous debt to
2 Morris and Marge Parrish for their exceptional achievements in
3 behalf of their adopted hometown these past 32 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Sharing a mutual passion for historical
5 preservation, Mr. and Mrs. Parrish are charter members of the
6 Irving Heritage Society, which Mrs. Parrish led as president from
7 1985 to 1987; this dynamic woman played a crucial role in
8 establishing Heritage Park and was the moving force behind the
9 purchase of the depot that became the focal point of the park,
10 reinforcing Irving's identity as an early railroad town; she also
11 helped plan the Bear Creek Heritage Center, hired the city's first
12 community development coordinator, and brought to fruition the
13 publication of the city's first published history; and

14 WHEREAS, Widely respected for their strong leadership and
15 commitment to the city, Mr. and Mrs. Parrish both served on a task
16 force that worked to revitalize and raise the visibility of the
17 downtown district; and

18 WHEREAS, During his tenure as administrator of Irving
19 Community Hospital, Mr. Parrish guided that institution through
20 many important stages and was instrumental in the development of
21 the Irving Healthcare Foundation; subsequently, as mayor of Irving
22 from 1995 to 1999, he oversaw the establishment of a Sister Cities
23 program with Leon, Mexico, as well as a business relationship with
24 Espoo, Finland; in addition, this esteemed gentleman enriched the

1 city through his projects for the development of parks and public
2 art; and

3 WHEREAS, The Parrishes are active congregants of Plymouth
4 Park Baptist Church, where Mr. Parrish is a deacon and both have
5 taught Sunday school classes; they have also participated in
6 constructing a church in Maceio, Brazil; and

7 WHEREAS, Morris and Marge Parrish may take great pride in
8 knowing that their extraordinary contributions have made Irving a
9 better place in which to live, work, and raise a family; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
12 Legislature hereby heartily commend Morris and Marge Parrish for
13 their myriad accomplishments in behalf of their fellow Irving
14 residents, and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
15 success and good fortune in their future endeavors; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Parrish as an expression of high regard by
19 the Texas House of Representatives.