

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, After 35 years of service in the Dallas Independent  
2 School District, John Parker is retiring from his position with  
3 Sunset High School, an inner city school, where he has taught for  
4 more than three decades; and

5           WHEREAS, Known in Dallas as an outstanding teacher, Mr.  
6 Parker motivates his students to succeed inside the classroom and  
7 beyond; his marketing education students have consistently  
8 excelled in state and national competitions, and most of his  
9 students attend college after graduation; and

10           WHEREAS, With the founding of the New York Field Studies and  
11 Leadership Development Program, Mr. Parker has provided students  
12 with a hands-on experience in the business world; for the past 14  
13 years, the program has offered Sunset's cooperative education  
14 students the opportunity to study the country's economic system by  
15 traveling to New York, where they attend workshops and seminars  
16 with business leaders and entrepreneurs; over the years, Mr. Parker  
17 has made this exceptional experience possible by raising the  
18 necessary funds and making travel arrangements for more than 400  
19 students; and

20           WHEREAS, This esteemed educator has served as president of  
21 the Texas DECA Board of Directors and as a member of the Sunset High  
22 School Site Based Decision Making Board; he has received numerous  
23 awards, including the Outstanding Marketing Teacher of the Year  
24 award and the Golden Oak Award from the Oak Cliff Chamber of

1 Commerce; and

2 WHEREAS, Above all, John Parker is a loyal friend and  
3 surrogate father to many of his students, who greatly benefit from  
4 his support and guidance; his contributions to education in Dallas  
5 are truly immeasurable, and he leaves Sunset High School with a  
6 legacy of professionalism and achievement and a host of friends and  
7 colleagues who wish him every happiness in this new chapter of his  
8 life; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby honor John Parker for his illustrious career in  
11 education and extend to him sincere best wishes for an enjoyable  
12 retirement; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Mr. Parker as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
15 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1350

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1350 was adopted by the House on May 13, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House