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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Parker Square, a development that has contributed 2 significantly to the economic vitality and sense of community in 3 Flower Mound, has been selected by the Flower Mound Chamber of 4 Commerce as its 2007 Business of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, Named for a noted Baptist preacher during the period 6 of the Texas Republic, Daniel Parker, Parker Square was envisioned as a place to gather, socialize, shop, and access a variety of 7 professional services; the project sits on 24 acres and is 8 presently home to some 40 retail outlets, restaurants, and offices; 9 these establishments occupy low-rise buildings that are designed in 10 11 a pleasing, 1920s style and that border a large, beautifully 12 landscaped town green; since opening its doors in 1999, the complex 13 has continued to grow, with groundbreaking for two more buildings 14 expected to take place before the end of 2007; and

15 WHEREAS, The plan for Parker Square was conceived by Cole 16 McDowell, an eighth-generation descendent of Daniel Parker, who has 17 been developing commercial and residential property in Flower Mound 18 in recent years; Mr. McDowell's goal was to create a mixed-use 19 development that would also serve as a town center and that would 20 reflect and enhance the small-town atmosphere of Flower Mound; and

21 WHEREAS, A valued corporate citizen, Parker Square sponsors 22 many nonprofit organizations, including Mothers Against Drunk 23 Driving, the Flower Mound Humane Society, the Flower Mound Rotary 24 Club, and Friends of the Family; in addition, Parker Square plays

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1 host to a wide variety of events, such as seasonal celebrations, 2 music festivals, car shows, weddings, and fun runs; and

3 WHEREAS, Fulfilling many needs and playing an active, 4 constructive role in the civic life of Flower Mound, Parker Square 5 has become an indispensable part of its community, and for its 6 support of numerous local worthy causes it is indeed deserving of 7 this outstanding honor; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 9 Legislature hereby recognize Parker Square on the occasion of its 10 designation as the 2007 Business of the Year by the Flower Mound 11 Chamber of Commerce and pay tribute to the exemplary civic spirit of 12 its management; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 547 was adopted by the House on March 15, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House