

By: Christian

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Frank Edward Parker of Center died on February 12,  
2 2007, and his passing has left a void in the lives of his family  
3 members and in the community he so treasured; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Center to Fornie and Aileen Runnels Parker  
5 on October 19, 1924, F. E. Parker was an esteemed businessman and  
6 civic leader who took pride and pleasure in his efforts to benefit  
7 his hometown; and

8           WHEREAS, A 1941 graduate of Center High School, Mr. Parker  
9 attended Stephen F. Austin State University and Texas A&M  
10 University before earning a degree from The University of Texas at  
11 Austin in 1949; he proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy  
12 during World War II; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Parker was active in a number of businesses and  
14 real estate ventures, most notably as the owner of Parker Motor  
15 Company, and he sat on the boards of Guaranty Bond Bank, Farmers  
16 State Bank, and Shelby Savings Bank; he also had served as president  
17 of the Center Chamber of Commerce and Fair Association,  
18 commissioner on the Sabine River Compact Commission, member of the  
19 board of the Center Rotary Club, and member of the Center School  
20 Board; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Parker was a lifelong member of the First United  
22 Methodist Church of Center and served on the church's board of  
23 stewards for a number of years; moreover, he cofounded the Center  
24 Country Club and enjoyed membership in Sam Samford Masonic Lodge

1 No. 149 and the Sharon Shrine Temple; and

2 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the welfare of area high school  
3 students, Mr. Parker played a key role in the creation of the  
4 Roughrider Scholarship Foundation, a fund designed to support the  
5 goals of Center students pursuing higher education; his other true  
6 passion was hunting, and he shared many fulfilling adventures,  
7 including several African safaris, with his "huntin' buddies"; and

8 WHEREAS, F. E. Parker was a man of generosity and integrity  
9 whose strength of character and zest for life inspired those around  
10 him, and his legacy of achievement and success will not soon be  
11 forgotten; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Frank Edward Parker  
14 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
15 wife of 60 years, Doris Massey Parker; to his children and their  
16 spouses, Pam and William Harrison Wall, Patti and James Boyd  
17 Peterson, and Frank E. Parker, Jr., and Cheryl Parker; to his  
18 grandchildren, William Harrison "Tripp" Wall III and his wife,  
19 Anna, Treven Parker Wall and his wife, Alison, Claiborn Massey  
20 Peterson and his wife, Katie, Pamela Aileen Peterson, Winter  
21 Patricia Wall, Frank E. "Trey" Parker III, and Bolt Houston Parker;  
22 to his brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Letitia Parker; to his  
23 great-grandchildren, Adelyn Stratton Wall, Kathrin Ann Peterson,  
24 and Peter Merriman Wall; to his beloved nieces and nephews; and to  
25 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Frank  
2 Edward Parker.