

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 604

In Memory  
of  
Frank Edward Parker

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Center in mourning the loss of Frank Edward "F.E." Parker, who died February 12, 2007, at the age of 82; and

**WHEREAS**, F.E. Parker was born October 19, 1924, in Center, to Fornie and Aileen Runnels Parker; he joined the ranks of the Eagle Scouts before graduating from Center High School in 1941; and

**WHEREAS**, He attended Stephen F. Austin State University and Texas A&M University before joining the United States Navy to serve the nation during World War II; after the war, he graduated from The University of Texas at Austin, although he remained a loyal Aggie throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Parker owned and operated Parker Motor Company, the local Ford dealership, for over 40 years; active in civic affairs, he served on the board of the Center Rotary Club and as president of the Center Chamber of Commerce and Fair Association, and he served the state as a commissioner on the Sabine Compact Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Parker co-founded the Center Country Club and served on the boards of Guaranty Bond Bank, Farmers State Bank, and Shelby Savings Bank; he was a member of the Sam Samford Masonic Lodge 149 and the Sharon Shrine Temple, and he served on the Center Independent School District board of trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Parker was dedicated to helping others, and this was nowhere more evident than in his commitment to local high school students; he was instrumental in founding the Roughrider Scholarship Foundation, which now has more than \$1.4 million and has helped approximately 700 Center High School seniors so far; he also helped establish the Regional Training Center for students who want to learn marketable skills but do not wish to attend a four-year college; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, F.E. Parker gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Parker was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and his family and friends will continue to live with treasured memories of his life and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Frank Edward Parker: his wife of 60 years, Doris Massey Parker; his daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and William Harrison Wall and Patti and James Boyd Peterson; his son and daughter-in-law, Frank E. Parker, Jr., and Cheryl Parker; his brother, Jack Parker; and his seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and, be it further

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**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Frank Edward Parker.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 29, 2007, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate