

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 935

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than five decades, Bob Bolen has
2 contributed to the city of Fort Worth through his numerous
3 professional and civic endeavors; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Chicago, Mr. Bolen grew up in Shreveport,
5 Louisiana, and in Fort Worth; answering his nation's call to duty,
6 he entered the U.S. Navy in 1945, and on concluding his service, he
7 earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas
8 A&M University in 1948; he founded Bolen Enterprises in 1952, and he
9 served as CEO of the Fort Worth business for more than four decades;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In 1979, Mr. Bolen joined the Fort Worth City
12 Council, and three years later, he was elected mayor; he won
13 subsequent bids for reelection, and his tenure spanned nearly a
14 decade, until his retirement from municipal government in 1991;
15 Mayor Bolen was instrumental in the establishment of the Fort Worth
16 Transportation Authority, and he also spearheaded various joint
17 projects with neighboring jurisdictions; he worked closely with the
18 Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, the DFW Regional Sports
19 Commission, and the North Texas Commission; in addition, he served
20 as president of Fort Worth Sister Cities International and the
21 Texas Municipal League, and he was active in the National League of
22 Cities as its president and as chair of the Transportation and
23 Communications Policy Committee; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Bolen has served as the senior advisor to the

1 chancellor at Texas Christian University since 1991; in this role,
2 he focuses on public relations and community service projects for
3 the university, and he is a visiting lecturer in the Neeley School
4 of Business; Mr. Bolen has also been affiliated with myriad local
5 organizations, including the Rotary Club, the YMCA, and Westminster
6 Presbyterian Church, and he was on the boards of Speedway
7 Children's Charities and Performing Arts Fort Worth, Inc.; he
8 maintains his involvement in the community as a chair of the
9 Citizens Committee on Fort Worth's Future and as a member of the
10 executive committee of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce; and

11 WHEREAS, This esteemed leader has received such accolades as
12 the TCU Royal Purple Award and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from
13 Texas A&M University; moreover, he has been awarded honorary
14 doctoral degrees in public service from the University of North
15 Texas and TCU and in the humanities from Texas Wesleyan University;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Bolen enjoys the love and
18 support of his wife, Frances, and their six children; together, the
19 couple have supported youth programs, and they provide scholarships
20 to TCU students each year; and

21 WHEREAS, With an unwavering commitment to his fellow
22 citizens, Bob Bolen has garnered the lasting respect and admiration
23 of all who know him, and he may indeed reflect with great pride on
24 the positive impact he has had on the city of Fort Worth; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
27 Legislature hereby honor Bob Bolen for his notable achievements and

1 contributions to his community and extend to him sincere best
2 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Mr. Bolen as an expression of high regard by the Texas
5 House of Representatives.