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H.R. No. 953

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, John R. Parish has received the 2009 Pioneer Award
2 from the Andrews Chamber of Commerce, and this occasion provides a
3 fitting opportunity to honor this esteemed Texan; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in 1931 in Wichita County, John Parish worked
5 at a young age to help support his family; he graduated from Iowa
6 Park High School in 1948, and answering his nation's call to duty
7 two years later, he served with the U.S. Marines in Korea; he went
8 on to attend Midwestern State University and to begin working in the
9 oilfields of East Texas; Mr. Parish moved to Andrews in 1956 and
10 obtained a position with Tretolite Chemicals as a field service
11 engineer; he later launched his own business, the John R. Parish Oil
12 Company, through which he drilled new wells and reworked others he
13 had purchased; still tending to 25 oil wells today, Mr. Parish has
14 established himself as a knowledgeable and highly regarded
15 businessman within the oil and gas industry of West Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Mr. Parish has
17 volunteered his time and resources to his community, serving on the
18 boards of local schools, as well as the Permian Regional Medical
19 Center, and participating in the Lions Club; he has also been active
20 in the Andrews Industrial Foundation, helping to bring in
21 prospective new industries and diversify the local economy; and

22 WHEREAS, A generous and dedicated citizen, John Parish has
23 earned the lasting respect and admiration of all who know him, and
24 he may indeed reflect with great pride on his notable civic

1 contributions; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate John R. Parish on his receipt of
4 the 2009 Pioneer Award from the Andrews Chamber of Commerce and
5 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and
6 happiness; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Mr. Parish as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.