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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Kerrville lost a beloved neighbor
2 and much admired civic leader with the passing of Josephine
3 Schreiner Parker on April 13, 2009, at the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Kerrville, "Dodo" Parker was born on
5 November 16, 1916, to Scott and Josephine Schreiner; she attended
6 Schreiner Institute, graduated from Tivy High School, and earned
7 her bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin, where
8 she was active in the Curtain Club and Pi Beta Phi sorority; she
9 later studied voice in San Antonio and Los Angeles; and

10 WHEREAS, She married E. C. Parker, Jr., on January 29, 1942,
11 and while her husband served overseas during World War II, Mrs.
12 Parker lived in New York City, studying music and voice at Juilliard
13 School of Music and singing on occasion with the USO; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1947, the couple settled in Kerrville, and in
15 addition to raising her children, Mrs. Parker became an
16 enthusiastic volunteer, supporting the Cub Scouts, teaching Red
17 Cross water safety courses, and chairing the Kerr County United
18 Fund Drive; she also shared her time with the boards of the Auld
19 Youth Center and Kerrville Cemetery Association, served as
20 president of the PTA at Starkey Elementary School, Peterson Middle
21 School, and Tivy High School, and became the first woman to be
22 elected to the Kerrville Independent School District Board; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker maintained a lifelong interest in the
24 performing arts; she produced elaborate water shows in the Cascades

1 Swimming Pool and hosted a radio talk show, interviewing such
2 celebrities as Audie Murphy and Gene Autry; moreover, she held
3 leadership positions with the Kerrville Community Concerts
4 Association, Hill Country Arts Foundation, Kerrville Community
5 Theater, and the Texas Arts Alliance, and she enjoyed playing roles
6 in several productions at the Point Summer Theater; and

7 WHEREAS, A devoted UT alumnus, Mrs. Parker served on the
8 board of the institution's Arts and Sciences Foundation and as
9 district councilwoman of the Texas Ex-Students' Association, board
10 member of the UT Chancellor's Council, and member of the American
11 Association of University Women; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker was also an advocate for Texas ranchers;
13 appointed to the Governing Board of the National Wool Growers
14 Association Auxiliary, she served as president of the Texas Sheep
15 and Goat Raisers Association Auxiliary and as a member of the Kerr
16 County Chapter Auxiliary board of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers
17 Association; and

18 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan's most passionate pursuit was
19 working to preserve local history for future generations; a member
20 of the James Kerr Chapter of the Daughters of the American
21 Revolution and the Captain Charles Schreiner Chapter of the United
22 Daughters of the Confederacy, she was also a charter member and
23 president of the Hill Country Preservation Society; she devoted
24 more than three decades to the establishment of the Hill Country
25 Museum at the Captain Charles Schreiner Mansion, the home of her
26 great-grandfather, and considered it her greatest achievement; and

27 WHEREAS, A gracious and giving woman, Dodo Parker contributed

1 to her community through a lifetime of purposeful endeavor, and she
2 leaves behind a legacy of good works that will resonate for years to
3 come; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Josephine Schreiner
6 Parker and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to
7 her husband, E. C. Parker, Jr.; to her children, Scott and Barbara
8 Parker, Tobin and Kim Parker, and Cee Parker and Carlos Ibarra; to
9 her grandchildren, Scott, Lauren, John, Schreiner, and Tobin; and
10 to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Josephine
14 Schreiner Parker.