## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 647

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Major Mary Parrish for her exemplary service to the nation as a member of the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, The Vietnam War was one of the longest military conflicts in United States history; more than three million Americans served in Southeast Asia during the war, with more than 58,000 making the ultimate sacrifice, including more than 3,400 Texans; and

WHEREAS, Major Parrish distinguished herself during this conflict through her exemplary courage and dedication; she worked as an emergency nurse and medical surgeon nurse while serving in Vietnam and has drawn on her experience over the course of 20 years of active duty to establish a family clinic that now serves more than 300 veterans; and

WHEREAS, The men and women who served the nation during the Vietnam War embodied the highest standards of courage, sacrifice, and devotion to duty, and Major Parrish's dedicated service set a lasting example that will not be forgotten by those with whom she served; and

WHEREAS, It is truly fitting that this brave woman be recognized for her patriotism and her service on behalf of the nation as Texans across the state observe Vietnam Veterans Day; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Major Mary Parrish on her outstanding service to the nation during the Vietnam War and

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extend to her best wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of gratitude and high regard from the Texas Senate.

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 29, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate