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H.R. No. 465

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories  
2 of James Byston Parks, Jr., of San Antonio who passed away on  
3 February 19, 2012, at the age of 61; and

4           WHEREAS, Jimmy Parks was born to James Byston Parks, Sr., and  
5 Juanita Midgett Parks on December 18, 1950, in Uvalde; as a student  
6 at Churchill High School, Mr. Parks excelled in both academics and  
7 athletics and was offered a full scholarship to Princeton  
8 University; he turned down the opportunity in order to stay in Texas  
9 and marry his high school sweetheart, the former Liz Byrd;  
10 Mr. Parks instead enrolled at Trinity University on a football and  
11 academic scholarship, and he helped support his family while in  
12 college by selling cookware door-to-door; for his efforts,  
13 Mr. Parks earned the National Salesman of the Year Award, and after  
14 graduating from Trinity, he started his own business in the office  
15 equipment industry to fund his graduate studies at the St. Mary's  
16 University School of Law; and

17           WHEREAS, Over the course of the next 33 years, Mr. Parks  
18 established himself as one of San Antonio's most successful defense  
19 attorneys; he represented a number of high-profile clients and  
20 produced the *Winning in the Courtroom* DVD series, and he was  
21 recognized by *S.A. Scene*, *Texas Monthly*, and *Texas Super Lawyers*;  
22 and

23           WHEREAS, In addition to his professional achievements,  
24 Mr. Parks was a proud and caring father to his children, "Jimbo" and

1 Tina; he coached his son's soccer team to numerous state  
2 championships and two national quarterfinal games, and he served as  
3 president of the North East Youth Soccer Organization of San  
4 Antonio; when his grandchildren began participating in sports,  
5 Mr. Parks was always in the stands cheering them on, camera in hand;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, A distinguished attorney and a devoted family man,  
8 Jimmy Parks gave of his time and energy without reservation, and the  
9 humor, integrity, and compassion with which he lived his life will  
10 forever inspire all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Byston Parks,  
13 Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
14 his wife, Liz Parks; to his son, James Byston Parks III; to his  
15 daughter, Tina Allen, and her husband, James; to his mother,  
16 Juanita Parks; to his sister, Sharon Hatley, and her husband,  
17 Richard; to his brother, Bradley Parks; to his grandchildren,  
18 Brenden Parks, Makayla Allen, Faith Allen, and James Allen, Jr.;  
19 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jimmy  
23 Parks.