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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joseph Louis Cordina retired as mayor of Parker in
2 2012, having served the city and its residents with distinction for
3 two consecutive terms; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of North Charleston, South Carolina, Joe
5 Cordina graduated from Bishop England High School, where he was a
6 diver for the swim team and a competitive water-skier; he earned his
7 bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of South
8 Carolina and, answering his country's call to duty, joined the ROTC
9 program there; after graduating in 1970, he went to Laredo for
10 flight school and served as a pilot in the Vietnam War, earning a
11 Distinguished Flying Cross and two Air Medals for his heroism and
12 meritorious achievement; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Cordina returned to the United States and was
14 stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., for some
15 time before he transferred to the Ready Reserve and moved to
16 Richardson; as a reserve officer, he served as the commander for the
17 northeast Texas recruitment branch and was promoted to the rank of
18 full colonel before his retirement; and

19 WHEREAS, Having moved to the Dallas area to work for Texas
20 Instruments, Mr. Cordina established his own business, Component
21 Technology, in 1985, and remains the company president today; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2000, Mr. Cordina moved to Parker and soon
23 thereafter began his career as a public official; he was elected to
24 the city council for six years, one of which he spent acting as

1 mayor pro tem, and in 2008 was elected mayor of Parker; during his
2 time in office, he served on the board of directors of the Texas
3 Municipal League and was president of the Association of Mayors,
4 Council Members, and Commissioners; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to his tenure in local government, Mr.
6 Cordina is civically engaged in his community as a member of the
7 Rotary Club, the president-elect of the Republican Men's Club, and
8 junior vice chair of the Military Order of World Wars; in his
9 retirement, he looks forward to spending more time with his family,
10 including his wife, Patti, their four children, and their three
11 grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Joe Cordina has served the citizens of Parker with
13 the utmost ability and devotion, and he may indeed reflect on his
14 accomplishments with pride as he looks forward to the next exciting
15 chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
17 Legislature hereby commend Joe Cordina on his service as mayor of
18 Parker and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success
19 and happiness; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. Cordina as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.