

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may
2 comfort those saddened by the death of Gene Earl Parker of Amarillo
3 on September 19, 2014, at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on July 24, 1938, in Tahoka, Gene Parker was the
5 ninth of 10 children born to John and Patriel Parker; after
6 graduating from Happy High School in 1956, he went on to attend West
7 Texas State College, and he earned a bachelor's degree and a
8 master's degree in Spanish and educational administration; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Parker worked for the Shamrock Oil Company for a
10 brief time before embarking on a career as an educator with the
11 Edgewood Independent School District in the mid-1960s; he taught in
12 the Sunray Independent School District for several years, and in
13 1972, he became the superintendent of schools for the Wildorado
14 Independent School District; named the director of career planning
15 and placement at West Texas State University in 1974, he spent
16 nearly two decades in that position until his retirement in 1993;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan served three terms as a Randall
19 County commissioner, and during that time, he played an
20 instrumental role in the establishment of the Texas Panhandle War
21 Memorial in Amarillo; he also shared his time and talents with a
22 number of civic organizations, including the United Way of Amarillo
23 and Canyon, the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Aviation
24 Historical Society Board, the Panhandle Judges and Commissioners

1 Association, and the Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority; a
2 man of faith, he was an active member of the congregation at
3 Paramount Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday school for many
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Parker was blessed with
6 the love and support of his wife, Peggy, with whom he shared more
7 than 54 years; together, they raised four children, Del, Carmen,
8 Pam, and Mitch, and later welcomed into their family five
9 grandchildren; in addition to playing games with his grandkids,
10 Mr. Parker enjoyed working on the family farm, flying planes, and
11 square dancing; and

12 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Gene Parker
13 will remember the way he touched their lives with his generosity and
14 optimism, and he will forever hold a treasured place in their
15 hearts; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Gene Earl Parker and extend
18 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Peggy
19 Parker; to his daughter, Pam Barrett, and her husband, Jay; to his
20 son, Mitch Parker, and his wife, Kate; to his grandchildren,
21 Parker, Jeron, and Trey Barrett, and Charlotte and Will Parker; to
22 his sisters, Irene Hopper and Ruth Barrett; to his brothers, Johnny
23 Parker and his wife, Verbie, and Don Parker and his wife, Jeane; and
24 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
27 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of

H.C.R. No. 87

1 Gene Earl Parker.

Smithee

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 87 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 26, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 87 was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2015, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor