

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their  
2 memories of George Houston Parker of Runaway Bay, who passed away on  
3 August 1, 2014, at the age of 77; and

4           WHEREAS, George Parker was born on September 25, 1936, in  
5 Oklahoma City, to Merl and Stella Parker; a member of the Texas  
6 National Guard during high school, Mr. Parker served in the  
7 U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserve from 1956 to 1961; he graduated  
8 from Texas Tech University and went on to enjoy a distinguished  
9 34-year career with IBM in California before his retirement in  
10 1995; and

11           WHEREAS, Following the passing of his second wife, Mr. Parker  
12 reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Bettye Ferguson; the  
13 couple married in 2001, and two years later they moved to the Lone  
14 Star State to make their home in Runaway Bay; Mr. Parker was the  
15 proud father of two daughters, Tammy and Melanie, and he later  
16 became a devoted stepfather to his stepson, Mike, and stepdaughter,  
17 Karen; over the years, he knew the joy of welcoming 13 grandchildren  
18 and 11 great-grandchildren into his cherished family; and

19           WHEREAS, Active in a number of worthwhile organizations and  
20 causes, this esteemed gentleman volunteered extensively with the  
21 Republican Party in both California and Texas and also assisted the  
22 Republican Women of Wise County; he and his wife Bettye traveled  
23 widely, and he also enjoyed golfing and fishing; and

24           WHEREAS, George Parker lived a life that was rich in the

1 intangibles that matter most, and he is deeply missed by all who  
2 were blessed to share in his love and affection; now, therefore, be  
3 it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of George Houston  
6 Parker and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
7 his wife, Bettye Parker; to his daughter, Melanie Parker; to his  
8 stepson, Mike Ferguson; to his stepdaughter, Karen Shadden; to his  
9 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives  
10 and friends; and, be it further

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

King of Parker

H.R. No. 449

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 449 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 16, 2015.

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Chief Clerk of the House