

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 727

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Roland G. Parrish has been named the recipient of  
2 the 2015 Texas Black Legislative Caucus Community Award for House  
3 District 111; and

4 WHEREAS, The president and chief executive officer of Parrish  
5 McDonald's Restaurants Limited, Mr. Parrish purchased his first  
6 McDonald's franchise in 1989; his company now owns two dozen stores  
7 in the Dallas area, and it has been listed for nine consecutive  
8 years on the *Black Enterprise* magazine list of the Top 100  
9 Black-Owned Businesses in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan is serving his third term as  
11 chair and chief executive officer of the National Black McDonald's  
12 Operators Association, which represents 1,400 restaurants and  
13 awards more than \$750,000 in scholarships annually; in addition, he  
14 serves on the board of Ronald McDonald House Charities of North  
15 Texas; his numerous accolades include the 365Black Award and the  
16 Paul D. Schrage Lifetime Achievement Award; and

17 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the advancement of higher  
18 education, Mr. Parrish has given generously of his resources to his  
19 alma mater, Purdue University, where he earned both his bachelor's  
20 and master's degrees in business; he donated \$2 million for a  
21 state-of-the-art renovation of the facility now known as the Roland  
22 G. Parrish Library of Management and Economics, which is the first  
23 major building on the Purdue campus to be named in honor of an  
24 African American alumnus; moreover, he has contributed liberally to

1 Purdue athletics and the Krannert School of Management, and he has  
2 funded two scholarships; and

3 WHEREAS, Roland Parrish has set a sterling example as a  
4 business leader and philanthropist, and he is indeed deserving of  
5 this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Roland G. Parrish on his receipt of  
8 the 2015 Texas Black Legislative Caucus Community Award for House  
9 District 111 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;  
10 and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Mr. Parrish as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.