

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Pittsburg lost an admired community
2 leader with the death of Estelle Parker on January 15, 2015, at the
3 age of 95; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on November 25, 1919, in Titus County, the
5 former Estelle Crain was the daughter of William Lee Crain and Nina
6 Estelle Smith Crain; she married William Russell "W. R." Parker,
7 and they became the parents of four daughters, Linda, Mary Ann,
8 "Hedy," and "Tonnie"; through the years, Mrs. Parker saw her family
9 grow to include 7 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 2
10 great-great-grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1945, Mrs. Parker and her husband opened a
12 plumbing business that they expanded to include appliances, floor
13 coverings, and furniture; for seven decades, as the owner of Parker
14 Furniture and Appliance, "Mama Parker," or "Mrs. Estelle," as she
15 was fondly known, worked to promote a vital downtown Pittsburg
16 through her own store's initiatives and as a favorite customer at
17 many local shops; she was also a valued congregant of the First
18 Baptist Church; and

19 WHEREAS, Estelle Parker was a devoted mother and grandmother
20 and a significant asset to her business and her community; her
21 commitment to her loved ones and to Pittsburg will be remembered and
22 admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Estelle Parker and

1 extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to her
2 daughter, Linda Grundish, and her husband, David; to her
3 grandchildren, Dr. Mike and Ann McCrady, Dr. Bob and Julie McCrady,
4 Tom McCrady, Liz and Bobby Goodman, Tinkie Williams, Keith and Anna
5 Sewell, and Paul and Laurie Sewell; to her 13 great-grandchildren
6 and her 2 great-great-grandchildren; and to her other relatives and
7 many friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Estelle
11 Parker.

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H.R. No. 2079

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2079 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House