

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 325

In Memory  
of  
George Houston Parker

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

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

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

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

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**WHEREAS**, George Parker lived a life that was rich in the intangibles that matter most, and he is deeply missed by all who were blessed to share in his love and affection; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of George Houston Parker and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Bettye Parker; to his daughter, Melanie Parker; to his stepson, Mike Ferguson; to his stepdaughter, Karen Shadden; to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of George Houston Parker.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2015, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate