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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Parker in Collin County are
2 coming together on March 30, 2019, to celebrate the 50th
3 anniversary of the incorporation of their city; and

4 WHEREAS, The community originated in the late 1840s, as part
5 of the Peters Colony in Collin County; in 1846, a school was
6 established in a private home, and that same year, Corinth
7 Presbyterian Church, which still exists today, held its first
8 worship services; local residents eventually named their town
9 Parker, after William "Uncle Bill" Parker, the owner of a gin and a
10 gristmill; and

11 WHEREAS, On March 22, 1969, the residents of the community
12 gathered at Corinth Presbyterian Church and voted to incorporate
13 the City of Parker; Percy Bozeman was elected as the first mayor,
14 along with five aldermen, and Betty McMenemy served as city
15 secretary from 1972 to 2006, working out of her home until the city
16 hall was built; in the years since its founding, the city has grown
17 from 360 residents to approximately 5,000; and

18 WHEREAS, Parker established a volunteer fire department in
19 1983 and a police department in 1985, and since 1973, the city has
20 benefited greatly from the volunteer efforts of the Parker Women's
21 Club, which started with 8 members and today has 154; the famed
22 Southfork Ranch, location of the hit television series *Dallas*, lies
23 within the city limits and draws more than 400,000 visitors a year;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Blessed with a rich heritage and a "uniquely
2 country" lifestyle, the citizens of Parker may indeed take great
3 pride in this significant milestone in their history as they work
4 together to build a bright future for their community; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the
8 incorporation of Parker and extend to the city's residents sincere
9 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable celebration; and, be it
10 further

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