

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 503

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the City of Parker on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, which is being celebrated March 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The City of Parker traces its roots to a community established in the late 1840s in the part of the Peters Colony that is now Collin County; it was named in honor of William B. "Uncle Bill" Parker, who owned a cotton gin and gristmill in the area; early institutions included the Corinth Presbyterian Church and the Parker School; and

WHEREAS, On March 22, 1969, local residents voted 79-11 to incorporate the community as a city, with two-acre lots and no commercial development as its defining features; and

WHEREAS, The city has grown to a population of approximately 5,000 citizens from its original 360, and its residents have established a wide range of civic organizations, including a volunteer fire department, a police department, and the Parker Women's Club; Southfork Ranch, which was made famous by the television program *Dallas*, still brings many visitors to the city each year; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding, Parker has been an exceptional place in which to live, work, and raise a family, and it is truly fitting that the city receive special recognition as it reaches this milestone in its history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby commend the residents of the City of Parker on their many contributions to the growth and prosperity of this state and extend to them best wishes for a memorable 50th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the city as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Paxton

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 27, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate