

House Resolution 1649

By: Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Rakestraw of the 19th, Gravley of the 67th, and Alexander of the 66th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Joe S. Parker, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mr. Joe S. Parker, Sr., on January 11, 2016; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Parker, born in Dallas, Georgia, was the owner and publisher of *The Dallas*
5 *New Era*, the oldest business in the county, having been in continuous operation since 1882;
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, his grandfather, Thomas Henry Parker, founded the newspaper, which is the
8 legal organ of Paulding County, and Mr. Parker assumed responsibility for the newspaper
9 in 2003, upon the passing of his father, Thomas Edward Parker; the fourth generation of
10 Parkers will proudly continue the operation of the family business; and
- 11 WHEREAS, graduating from Dallas High School in 1962, Mr. Parker was a proud member
12 of the Dallas Tigers Football team; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was also a member of the Dallas Lions Club; had a great passion for taking
14 pictures of sporting events, anniversaries, and weddings; and received hundreds of Public
15 Service Awards over the years, which are all hung in *The Dallas New Era* office; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Parker was an active member of the First
17 Baptist Church in Dallas; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Parker was united in love and marriage to Leola Turner Todd, and was
19 blessed with seven remarkable children; and

20 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
21 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
22 family and friends were admired by others; and

23 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
24 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
25 made this world a better place in which to live; and

26 WHEREAS, a humble and gentle giant who dedicated his life to the people of Paulding
27 County, Mr. Parker loved serving his great community and this loyal husband, father, and
28 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Joe S. Parker, Sr., and
31 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 family of Mr. Joe S. Parker, Sr.