

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Jack Bradford Parker.

WHEREAS, Dr. Jack Bradford Parker was born on June 15, 1931, in Monroe, Louisiana, to A.D. and Ethel Parker; and

WHEREAS, he was also affectionately known during his lifetime as "Dad", "Pop", "Grampy", "Mr. Jack", "Doc", and "Dean Parker"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Parker graduated from Neville High School where he was an all-state offensive guard; and

WHEREAS, he played for Coach A.L. "Red" Swanson at Southwestern Louisiana University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Parker proudly served this country by attending boot camp in the Marine Corps Reserve after his junior year of high school and the Air Force in Korea at Johnson Air Force Base from 1950 to 1953; and

WHEREAS, after returning home, he continued his education and received a masters degree in social work and a doctorate in criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Parker started the criminal justice program at Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, he served as director of mental health training, Capital Regional mental health consultant, executive director of the Capital Regional Mental Health Planning Commission, professor at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, head of the Department of Criminal Justice, and dean of the General College, also at LSU; and

WHEREAS, in his retirement, he served as a volunteer at the Baton Rouge Crisis Center; and

WHEREAS, Jack Parker married his best friend, Marianne Parker, on December 26, 1957; and

WHEREAS, he was an unwaveringly supportive, loving father and grandfather to Bruce Parker, Debra Parker, Polly Parker Stafford, Laura Parker Hough, Madeline Parker, Cameron Stafford, Wyatt Hough, and William Hough; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Parker was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, the Sunrise Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, where he served as president, and the Kappa Alpha Order's Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, he is remembered as the dean who had faith in his students and treated them with absolute kindness and respect and made them feel important; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Parker loved studying history, specifically World War II, and passed that admiration on to his children; and

WHEREAS, as a veteran, he was honored to be able to participate in a "D-Day" ceremony on Normandy Beach during a recent trip to Europe; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Parker loved LSU sports and could always be found watching the football game on Saturdays in the Fall; and

WHEREAS, he is remembered as a hero, a treasure, and a loving husband of sixty-four years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Jack Parker upon the occasion of his death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Marianne Parker.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE