



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pauline Parker and her late husband, George
3 Parker, long held a special place in their hearts for the
4 children of Crawford County, especially the students in the
5 Oblong Schools; because they had spent their working lives
6 watching technology advance at an incredibly fast pace and had
7 no children of their own, they chose to share their own good
8 fortune with the children of Crawford County; and

9 WHEREAS, The Parkers have given \$250,300 to the Oblong
10 Schools since 1986; the only stipulation placed on their gifts
11 has been for the school to use the money to help finance the
12 acquisition of technology to help students; and

13 WHEREAS, The generosity of the Parker family does not end
14 with Oblong Schools; they have given generously to Lincoln
15 Trail College and the public schools of Hutsonville, Palestine,
16 and Robinson; the Parker legacy has touched thousands of young
17 people in Oblong and the rest of Crawford County; and

18 WHEREAS, The Parkers' foresight anticipated a time when
19 society would demand that students receive technological
20 training; their generosity has given the schools of Crawford
21 County the ability to provide that training; and

22 WHEREAS, Citizens like George and Pauline Parker are rare;
23 their commitment to children is exemplary, their motivation
24 genuine, and their hearts pure; Mrs. Parker's vision of the
25 future is focused on our most precious and valuable asset,
26 children; she does everything she can to give them the tools
27 they need to be successful, and she has taken steps to ensure
28 that her gifts will continue to be a benefit for many, many
29 children in the years to come; therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we honor Pauline Parker and the memory of George Parker for
3 their deep commitment to education, and we thank her for her
4 extreme generosity to the students of Oblong and Crawford
5 County; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Pauline Parker as an expression of our
8 gratefulness and admiration for her benevolence.