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JOE PARKER DAY
December 06, 2021
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**A Resolution of the City of Dallas Recognizing Joe Parker Day,
December 06, 2021, and honoring him by naming the new Dallas Park
“Joe Parker Memorial Park”**

Whereas, Joseph Stewart “Joe” Parker Sr. was born April 13, 1944, in Dallas, Georgia, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward (Edna Meadows) Parker, Sr. Joe graduated from Dallas High School in 1962 and was a lifelong resident of Dallas, Paulding County; and

Whereas, Joe met Leola Turner Todd and they were married on January 12, 1973, at the home of dear friends, Clarence and Elsie Cole. Together they had seven (7) children; and

Whereas, He worked at The Dallas New Era for 55 years, eventually becoming Owner and served as Editor for many years; and

Whereas, Joe took great pride in the news, articles, and pictures that were published weekly. His favorite pastimes included playing football in high school with dear friends and taking pictures on the sidelines at games on Friday nights. He also enjoyed taking pictures at many other sporting events and photographing family and friends’ anniversaries and weddings; and

Whereas, In July of 2021, the Georgia Press Association held its Awards Banquet and inducted Joe (posthumously) into the of the Georgia Newspaper Hall of Fame which is a very exclusive honor. Members’ portraits are on permanent display in the Grady College Building at the University of Georgia. He received hundreds of Public Service awards over the years including the Paulding Chamber Pillar Award in 2017. Many of his awards are proudly hung in The Dallas New Era. He was a member of the Dallas Lions Club and First Baptist Church, Dallas where he attended the Joshua Sunday School Class.; and

Whereas, He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and a loyal friend to many. Joe was a humble, gentle man, who dedicated his life to the people of Paulding County and loved serving this great community, this is an important opportunity to recognize all of Joe’s far-reaching influence through his love and dedication to the City of Dallas and all of Paulding; and

Now, therefore, I, L. James Kelly, Mayor of the City of Dallas, Georgia, do hereby resolve that the City of Dallas declares December 06, 2021 as Joe Parker Day.

Be it further resolved, that the City of Dallas wishes to name the new Dallas Park the “Joe Parker Memorial Park” in honor of Joe and his family to ensure that Joe’s contribution to the City of Dallas and its people are recognized and remembered accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this Sixth Day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One, and in the City of Dallas, Georgia.


Mayor, L. James Kelly