

By: Smith of Tarrant

H.R. No. 1287

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The untimely and tragic death of Jason Eric Bentley  
2 of Hurst on May 12, 2003, at the age of 35, has brought a great loss  
3 to all who were privileged to know this outstanding Texan; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in 1968 at Fort Smith, Arkansas, Mr. Bentley  
5 grew up in Hurst and attended L. D. Bell High School before  
6 embarking on a successful 10-year career in the United States Army;  
7 for five years he served at the army's premier combat training  
8 institute, the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California,  
9 and during his tenure he was assigned to bases in both Texas and  
10 South Korea, ultimately attaining the rank of staff sergeant; and

11           WHEREAS, Throughout his military career, Sergeant Bentley  
12 proved himself to be a serviceman of the very highest caliber,  
13 earning the respect and admiration of peers and commanding officers  
14 alike for the exemplary leadership and technical skills he  
15 displayed in every one of his diverse assignments; on his return to  
16 civilian life in 2002, he was hired by the Vinnell Corporation to  
17 work as a military expert and training specialist at its offices  
18 located in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; and

19           WHEREAS, This relocation to the Middle East was profoundly  
20 difficult for a man who treasured every moment of the time he spent  
21 with his beloved daughter, Sarah Marie, the light and joy of his  
22 life; Jason Bentley will be forever remembered by his family and  
23 friends for the warmth, compassion, and kindness he brought into  
24 the lives of others, gifts that will endure long after his passing;

1 now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jason Eric Bentley and  
4 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
5 daughter, Sarah Marie Bentley; to his parents, William and Gail  
6 Bentley; to his brother, Bill Bentley, Jr.; and to his many other  
7 relatives and friends; and, be it further

8           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
10 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jason  
11 Eric Bentley.