

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 918

In Memory  
of  
Jason Eric Bentley

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, This relocation to the Middle East was profoundly difficult for a man who treasured every moment of the time he spent with his beloved daughter, Sarah Marie, the light and joy of his life; Jason Bentley will be forever remembered by his

family and friends for the warmth, compassion, and kindness he brought into the lives of others, gifts that will endure long after his passing; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Jason Eric Bentley: his daughter, Sarah Marie Bentley; his parents, William and Gail Bentley; his brother, Bill Bentley, Jr.; and his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jason Eric Bentley.

Brimer, Nelson

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 21, 2003, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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