

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1019

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Judge Carl Briscoe Bentley for his bravery in action during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Following his enlistment and training in the United States Army, Judge Bentley was shipped to the Pacific island of Okinawa, the scene of some of the most ferocious fighting in the Pacific theater of the war; and

WHEREAS, During the fight with Japanese soldiers for a contested ridge, Judge Bentley rescued two American soldiers who were stranded in a foxhole by enemy sniper fire by drawing the sniper's attention away from his comrades and helping them to escape; he was wounded during the effort, earning the first of his two Purple Hearts, and he also received a Bronze Star for the daring rescue; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bentley went on to receive a second Purple Heart for wounds received when an artillery shell hit his foxhole; during his time on Okinawa, he also earned several battlefield promotions and served as squad leader; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bentley will be honored for his bravery by the citizens of Fulshear at the Fulshear Friday Night Independence Day Celebration, which is being held July 3, 2009; he is truly deserving of recognition for his courage under fire and his many contributions to his community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Judge Carl Briscoe Bentley on his courage and sacrifices on the field of battle during World War II and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of highest regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate