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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Ward Bendel, Jr., of Arlington, an admired
2 physician and friend to many, passed away on March 28, 2010, at the
3 age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Henry Bendel was born on March 18, 1924, and raised
5 in Greenville, and he attended Texas A&M University--Commerce; as
6 World War II began, he joined the United States Army, earning a
7 Marksmanship Badge during basic training, and although he was not
8 called to active duty, he remained in the U.S. Army Reserves while
9 he completed his studies; after graduating from the University of
10 Tennessee School of Medicine, he returned to the Lone Star State to
11 complete his residency at Harris Hospital in Fort Worth, and soon he
12 met his future wife, Velma Ray Boone; the couple were joined in
13 matrimony in 1949, and they nurtured a rewarding relationship that
14 spanned more than five decades, until her passing; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Bendel established a general medical practice in
16 Honey Grove, but his work was interrupted when he volunteered for
17 military service a second time; on joining the U.S. Air Force during
18 the Korean War, he was stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in
19 Alaska, where he served as a flight surgeon, and he later retired as
20 a captain; and

21 WHEREAS, By the mid-1950s, Dr. Bendel was training in
22 orthopedic surgery at a VA hospital in McKinney, and he went on to
23 complete an orthopedic residency at Scottish Rite Hospital in
24 Dallas; urged by the city's mayor, Dr. Bendel moved his family to

1 Arlington and launched a private medical practice in 1958; after he
2 completed his first year in practice, he teamed up with a group of
3 other new doctors in the area, and they formed the Survivor's Club
4 to keep in touch through the years as their careers advanced; Dr.
5 Bendel further contributed his expertise to the football teams of
6 The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington High School, and
7 Sam Houston High School, and he later established the Arlington
8 Orthopedic Group; and

9 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Dr. Bendel enjoyed hunting, and
10 he was active in the Arlington Sportsman Club and the National Rifle
11 Association; in addition, he was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of
12 the Arlington Masonic Lodge, and he served on the vestry of St.
13 Alban's Episcopal Church; and

14 WHEREAS, Although his death has brought great sorrow to his
15 loved ones, Henry Bendel leaves behind many fond memories that they
16 will forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Henry Ward Bendel,
19 Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
20 his children, Paul Bendel and his wife, Rebecca, Martha Pritchard
21 and her husband, David, and Ward Bendel; to his grandchildren,
22 David Bendel and Megan and Molly Pritchard; and to his other
23 relatives and friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family, and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Henry
27 Ward Bendel, Jr.