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H.R. No. 2570

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The residents of Brazoria County lost a highly
2 esteemed physician with the passing of Dr. J. H. Bertheau of Lake
3 Jackson on December 2, 2010, at the age of 71; and

4 WHEREAS, Intrigued by the practice of medicine from the age
5 of 12, Dr. Bertheau graduated from the University of Pennsylvania
6 School of Medicine and completed his internship at Hennepin County
7 Medical Center in Minneapolis in 1965; he became a diplomate of the
8 Board of Medical Examiners the following year and subsequently
9 joined the Public Health Service, a branch of the United States
10 Navy, which sent him to Fort Worth; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Bertheau later set up a successful family
12 medical practice in Lake Jackson, earning a reputation as a caring
13 and compassionate physician who truly listened to and made time for
14 his patients and who had an excellent knowledge of medicine;
15 admired by his colleagues and his community, he served as president
16 of the Brazoria County Medical Society as well as Doctor of the Day
17 for the Texas Legislature on several occasions; and

18 WHEREAS, With a deep commitment to alleviating human
19 suffering, he became one of the first doctors to volunteer his
20 services at a local community nonprofit providing health care to
21 the uninsured; he also supported efforts to obtain medical supplies
22 for mission trips to Mexico and Africa through his church and the
23 Lake Jackson Rotary Club; and

24 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Bertheau was noted for his

1 ready smile, his generous spirit, his respect for his patients, and
2 his kindness to everyone; he touched many lives as a physician
3 through his selfless, empathetic care, and his example of
4 dedication to his community will remain a lasting inspiration to
5 those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of J. H. Bertheau and
8 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his devoted
9 wife of 43 years, Anna; to his daughters, Nicolle Sullivan and her
10 husband, Michael; Natasha Campbell and her husband, Clint; and
11 Hillary Branham and her husband, Dave; to his son, Torrey Bertheau,
12 and his wife, Ginna; to his grandchildren, Rachel, Kyla, and Quinn
13 Sullivan and Ashley, Drew, and Anna Kate Branham; to his sister,
14 Cindy Bertheau; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. J. H.
19 Bertheau.