

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of beloved physician Paul Thomas Bontley of Arlington on  
3 January 8, 2012, at the age of 93; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Ohio on March 22, 1918, Dr. Bontley was the  
5 son of John and Mary Bontley; he worked at a drugstore soda fountain  
6 while majoring in journalism at Ohio State University; coming of  
7 age during World War II, he served his country in the United States  
8 Army, and he rose to the rank of lieutenant; and

9           WHEREAS, Dr. Bontley married his sweetheart of six years,  
10 Zora Bando, in 1943; they later became the proud parents of two  
11 daughters, Cathy and Beth, and through the years, they shared in the  
12 joy of welcoming into their family a granddaughter, Meg, a  
13 grandson, Matt, and two great-grandchildren, Colt and Kenedy; and

14           WHEREAS, After completing his medical studies at Ohio State  
15 and his internship at Harris Hospital, Dr. Bontley joined with two  
16 former classmates to establish the Arlington Clinic; he delivered  
17 many babies and was the trusted physician for multiple generations  
18 of local families; kind and compassionate, he always made time to  
19 listen to his patients and establish a rapport, and he was highly  
20 regarded for his wisdom, as well as for his medical expertise; he  
21 practiced for nearly four decades before his retirement at the age  
22 of 72; and

23           WHEREAS, Paul Bontley won a special place in the hearts of his  
24 patients, as well as his friends and relatives, and those who were

1 fortunate enough to know him will forever remember his gentle  
2 manner, his wonderful sense of humor, and his profound commitment  
3 to his calling; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Paul Thomas  
6 Bontley and that sincere condolences be extended to the members of  
7 his family: to his wife of 68 years, Zora Bontley; to his daughters,  
8 Cathy Brown and her husband, Ron, and Beth Bontley and Jack  
9 McKenzie; to his grandson, Matt Brown, and his wife, Megan; to his  
10 granddaughter, Meg Brown; to his great-grandchildren, Colt and  
11 Kenedy Brown; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be  
12 it further

13         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
15 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Paul  
16 Thomas Bontley.

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H.R. No. 43

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 43 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 18, 2013.

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Chief Clerk of the House