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H.R. No. 43

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.