

By: Turner of Tarrant

H.R. No. 112

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Waco are mourning the loss of Pat Beard,
2 who passed away on November 30, 2013, at the age of 88; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in Waco on June 22, 1925, to H. S. and Irna
4 Beard, Pat Beard attended Waco High School and served in the
5 U.S. Army during World War II; he went on to earn his bachelor's
6 degree from Baylor University in 1947 and his juris doctorate from
7 Harvard Law School in 1950; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Beard embarked on his distinguished legal career
9 in 1952, when he began practicing law with his father;
10 subsequently, he partnered with David Kultgen to found Beard &
11 Kultgen, and the firm later merged with another partnership to form
12 Beard, Kultgen, Brophy, Bostwick, Dickson, and Squires; known as a
13 brilliant attorney, Mr. Beard frequently championed the rights of
14 the underprivileged and disenfranchised in his more than five
15 decades practicing law; and

16 WHEREAS, Outside of his professional ventures, Mr. Beard
17 generously donated his time and expertise to a number of nonprofit
18 organizations; he was a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason and served
19 on the board of the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children; he
20 was also a staunch Democrat and supported many local and national
21 candidates; in his leisure time, he enjoyed playing tennis with
22 friends; and

23 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Beard shared nearly five
24 decades with his wife, the former Martha Sue George, whom he married

1 in 1953 after meeting her on a blind date in Washington, D.C.;
2 together the couple raised five beloved children, Carey, Mike,
3 Bramlet, Joe, and Bob; and

4 WHEREAS, Pat Beard brought to his many endeavors compassion,
5 unyielding integrity, and generosity of spirit, and his legacy of
6 good works remains to inspire all those who were privileged to share
7 in the richness of his life; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Pat Beard and extend
10 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his daughter,
11 Carey Casey, and her husband, Don; to his sons, Mike Beard, Bramlet
12 Beard and his wife, Michelle, Joe Beard and his wife, Sherry, and
13 Bob Beard and his wife, Laura; to his grandchildren and his
14 great-grandchild; to his brothers, Bramlet and Frank Beard; and to
15 his other relatives and numerous friends; and, be 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 Pat Beard.