

By: Thompson of Brazoria

H.R. No. 2583

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Angleton are mourning the loss of David
2 C. Bonnen, who passed away on March 30, 2017, at the age of 81; and

3 WHEREAS, The son of C. A. Bonnen and Alice McDonald Bonnen,
4 David Bonnen was born in Houston on January 6, 1936; after
5 graduating from A&M Consolidated High School, he became a proud
6 member of the TAMU Corps of Cadets and went on to complete his law
7 degree at The University of Texas School of Law; he served in the
8 U.S. Army Intelligence Corps, and while stationed in Baltimore for
9 an extended period during the Berlin Wall crisis, he met his future
10 wife, Matina Psoras; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Bonnen established a private law practice in
12 Angleton and served as president of the Brazoria County Bar
13 Association; he also served for nine years as Angleton city
14 attorney, and during his tenure, he sued the railroad company for
15 effectively paralyzing traffic by blocking crossings; his victory
16 led to the construction of an overpass that connects the community
17 to the rest of southern Brazoria County; subsequently, he served as
18 municipal court judge for 15 years; throughout his legal career, he
19 upheld an exemplary reputation for honesty and professionalism, and
20 when he retired from the bench, the city proclaimed "David Bonnen
21 Day" and named its new municipal courtroom in his honor; and

22 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his community, Mr. Bonnen gave
23 generously of his time and expertise as chair of the Angleton Area
24 Emergency Medical Corps and as president of the Angleton Texas A&M

1 Club and the Angleton Lions Club, and he was also active in the
2 Greater Angleton Chamber of Commerce; his devotion to his alma
3 mater led the family to establish two scholarships for A&M
4 students, and he was loyal to his high school classmates as well,
5 attending every reunion with his longtime friends; for many years,
6 he was a valued member of St. Basil's Catholic Church; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Bonnen demonstrated a remarkable work ethic in
8 everything he undertook, and he passed it along to his four children
9 by enlisting them in a variety of projects, from tidying the yard to
10 painting his office; in his free time, he kept up with every Aggie
11 sport and amazed others with his encyclopedic memory of players and
12 scores from decades before; he was also known to indulge, on a
13 regular basis, his notable fondness for sweets; and

14 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and an admired civic leader,
15 David Bonnen inspired innumerable people through his integrity and
16 strength of character, and he will forever hold a special place in
17 the hearts of those he left behind; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of David C. Bonnen and
20 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
21 wife, Tina Bonnen; to his children, the Honorable Dr. Greg Bonnen
22 and his wife, Kim, Dr. Mark Bonnen and his wife, Wendy,
23 Dr. Penelope Eleni Bonnen, and the Honorable Dennis Bonnen and his
24 wife, Kim; to his grandchildren, Lindsay, Janae, David, Jessica,
25 Sebastien, Luca, Alexandre, David Jackson, and Gregory; to his
26 sisters, Mary Ann O'Meara, Marty Dixon, and Patsy Boughton; and to
27 his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of David
4 Bonnen.