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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories of World War II veteran Oliver James Pratt of Belton, who passed away on March 6, 2019, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 17, 1924, Mr. Pratt came of age during World War II; although he was eligible for exemption from military service because he was working as a printer for the *Belton Journal*, he enlisted anyway and served in the U.S. Navy, taking part in six major battles in the Pacific theater; after the war, he returned to his job at the newspaper, rising to become the publication's production manager; in 1974, he started his own business, Pratt Printing, and ran it for 10 years before selling the company and retiring at the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt shared a rewarding marriage with his wife, Alice Lorain Pratt, until her passing; he took great pride in his son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Martha Pratt, and his two grandsons and their wives, David and Kris Pratt and Bill and Katy Pratt, as well as his great-grandchildren, Courtney, Nathan, Lilly, and Christian; and

WHEREAS, A proud veteran and a loving family man, Oliver Pratt lived a caring and purposeful life, and he will forever be remembered with deep affection by all who held him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Oliver James Pratt and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Oliver James Pratt.