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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Oliver James Pratt and

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1 extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends; and, be it
2 further

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