

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The untimely death of Bascom William Bentley IV on  
2 April 11, 2019, at the age of 37, brought a great loss to his family  
3 and friends; and

4           WHEREAS, Born to Carol Bentley and Judge Bascom Bentley III  
5 on July 26, 1981, William Bentley grew up with a sister, Bonnie, and  
6 two brothers, Hunter and Matthew; like his father, grandfather, and  
7 great-grandfather, he attended Palestine High School; after  
8 playing baseball and football at Texas A&M University-Kingsville  
9 and Baker University, he went on to earn both his bachelor's degree  
10 and his law degree from The University of Texas at Austin; answering  
11 his nation's call to duty, he also served in the U.S. Army before  
12 receiving a medical discharge; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Bentley worked in Texas and across Eastern  
14 Europe as vice president of TransAtlantic Petroleum, and he resided  
15 for a time in Istanbul, Turkey; subsequently, he became an  
16 entrepreneur and oil and gas consultant in his home state; and

17           WHEREAS, On October 20, 2018, Mr. Bentley was joined in  
18 matrimony to the former Lizzy Chesnut in a ceremony conducted in San  
19 Miguel de Allende, Mexico; they shared a fulfilling relationship,  
20 and he was devoted to her happiness; a man of deep integrity, he  
21 remained unassuming despite considerable professional success at  
22 an early age; he was an avid learner with a keen interest in world  
23 events, and his wit, intellect, and gift for storytelling allowed  
24 him to connect easily with anyone he encountered; and

1           WHEREAS, William Bentley will be deeply missed, but he  
2 immeasurably enriched the lives of all who had the good fortune to  
3 share in his love and friendship, and they will forever carry him  
4 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bascom William  
7 Bentley IV and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his  
8 passing; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bascom  
12 William Bentley IV.

Harris

Bonnen of Brazoria	Guerra	Noble
Allen	Guillen	Oliverson
Allison	Gutierrez	Ortega
Anchia	Harless	Pacheco
Anderson	Harris	Paddie
Ashby	Hefner	Parker
Bailes	Hernandez	Patterson
Beckley	Herrero	Paul
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Perez
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Phelan
Bernal	Howard	Price
Biedermann	Huberty	Ramos
Blanco	Hunter	Raney
Bohac	Israel	Raymond
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Reynolds
Bowers	J. Johnson of Dallas	Rodriguez
Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Romero, Jr.
Bucy	Kacal	Rose
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Calanni	Krause	Sheffield
Canales	Kuempel	Sherman, Sr.
Capriglione	Lambert	Shine
Clardy	Landgraf	Smith
Cole	Lang	Smithee
Coleman	Larson	Springer
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Cortez	Leman	Stickland
Craddick	Longoria	Stucky
Cyrrier	Lopez	Swanson
Darby	Lozano	Talarico
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Dominguez	Meyer	Toth
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Flynn	Minjarez	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morales	White
Geren	Morrison	Wilson
Gervin-Hawkins	Muñoz, Jr.	Wray
Goldman	Murphy	Wu
González of Dallas	Murr	Zedler
González of El Paso	Neave	Zerwas
Goodwin	Nevárez	Zwiener

H.R. No. 1287

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1287 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 1, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House