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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.