

***Resolution Conferring Honorary Doctorate upon
John D. Bentley, MD***

WHEREAS, John Bentley, MD has distinguished himself by his extraordinary contributions to the area of public affairs; and

WHEREAS, he faithfully volunteered and administered free health care to the uninsured homeless through Sister Lorraine's Kitchen Clinic and the Missouri Hotel for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the opening of a free store-front clinic, which has grown to become the Jordan Valley Community Health Center, a federally qualified health center serving more than 44,000 patients in five clinics in southwest Missouri; and

WHEREAS, he has tirelessly served as a primary care physician and first medical director of the Jordan Valley Community Health Center since its inception in 2002 and he established the Bentley Fund, for those who cannot pay for services, which is supported annually by a 5K run; and

WHEREAS, he recognized the advantage of non-hospital community resources for making the delivery of health care more efficient and cost-effective, and for contributing to the recovery of patients by initiating the cardiac rehabilitation program at the YMCA and the Changing Hearts program at Hammons Heart Institute; and

WHEREAS, his notable voluntary leadership and commitment to this community has included serving in many organizations and on boards, including Ozarks Greenways, Greene County Medical Society, March of Dimes, United Way of the Ozarks, Ozarks Public Television, and Advocates for a Healthy Community; and

WHEREAS, he served this country as an aviator with the US Navy for four years as a young man including flying missions over the China coast while being stationed in Okinawa,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University, meeting on this third day of December in the year two thousand fifteen, recommend to the Board of Governors of Missouri State University that the degree of Doctor of Public Affairs (A.P.D.) be conferred upon Dr. John D. Bentley at the Commencement Ceremony in May two thousand sixteen in recognition of his extraordinary achievements in the area of public affairs.