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72nd Session

20th Anniversary Bonfire Remembrance Resolution

"A resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Bonfire collapse"

Action Taken:

PASSED

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Eric Mendoza

Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 12/04/19

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John Harkins, Traditions Council
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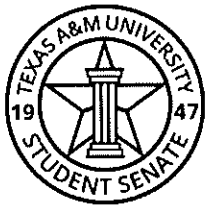
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Whereas(1): On the early morning of November 18th, 1999, the Fightin' Texas Aggie Bonfire collapsed at 2:42 a.m. The collapse resulted in the tragic loss of 12 Aggies and 27 others injured; and,

Whereas(2): Bonfire began in 1907 as a pile of trash and eventually evolved into a stack of logs, representing every Aggie's burning desire to BTHO tu¹; and,

¹ <https://bonfire.tamu.edu/>



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Whereas(3): Each year, between 30,000 and 70,000 people came together in Aggieland to watch the intense amber flames consume the logs that were assembled over the previous few months, symbolizing the deep and unique camaraderie that is the Aggie Spirit; and,

Whereas(4): The Bonfire Memorial, constructed 5 years after the collapse, celebrates the tradition, history, and spirit of Texas A&M and is dedicated to those involved in the tragic collapse of the 1999 Bonfire.

Whereas(5): As President Young said: “this constant reminder of the Aggies we lost also is a reminder of the incredible Aggie spirit. It’s a spirit that lives on through the stories of the 12 that are engraved in stone at the memorial.”

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): 20 years later, all Aggies remember the events that occurred on November 18th, 1999 with hearts full of admiration and respect to those lost and injured; and,

Let it be

Further

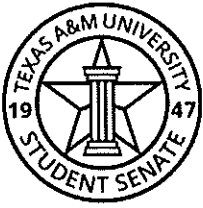
Resolved(2): The spirit of the Aggies we lost that morning will be remembered forever:

Miranda Denise Adams ‘02
Christopher D. Breen ‘96
Michael Stephen Ebanks ‘03
Jeremy Richard Frampton ‘99
Jamie Lynn Hand ‘03
Christopher Lee Heard ‘03
Timothy Doran Kerlee Jr ‘03
Lucas John Kimmel ‘03
Bryan A. McClain ‘02
Chad A. Powell ‘03
Jerry Don Self ‘01
Nathan Scott West ‘02; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(3): Traditions Council encourages students to check out the Bonfire Remembrance reflections display that is set up in the MSC Flag Room, as well as the screening of “The Burning Desire” film in various locations across campus; and,



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Further

Resolved (4): Students are encouraged to wear maroon and white ribbons, as a small symbol of Remembrance, and backpack tags with information regarding the Remembrance Ceremony. These items can be found at the Plank Leadership Learning Center, the Buzbee Leadership Learning Center, and the MSC Flag Room; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved (5): On the morning of November 18th, 2019 at 2:42 am, the student body is encouraged to attend the 20th Anniversary Bonfire Remembrance Ceremony at the Bonfire Memorial; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved (6): A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Chancellor John Sharp
President Michael K. Young
Dr. Daniel J. Pugh Sr., Vice President of Student Affairs
Michael Jaillet, Student Body Present
Traditions Council
The Eagle
The Battalion



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