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21st Anniversary Bonfire Remembrance Resolution

"A resolution commemorating the 21st anniversary of the Bonfire collapse"

Action Taken: PASSED
Certified By: [Signature]
Zackary McCue
Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 11-18-20

Introduced By: Micheal Osborne, Traditions Council Chair
Dylan Bohn, Mays Business Caucus

Sponsored By: John Carter Teague, Finance Chair, COALS Caucus
Fawaz Syed, Student Services Chair, Engineering Caucus
Aaron Wood, Engineering Caucus
Tyler Smith, COALS Caucus
Logan Tamplin, Transition Academic Programs Caucus
Sarah Grace Krog, Mays Business Caucus
Blake Martin, Liberal Arts Caucus
Ava Greaney, Architecture Caucus
Evelyn Anders, Education Caucus

Whereas(1): On the morning of November 18th, 1999, the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Bonfire collapsed at 2:42 am, resulting in the tragic loss of 12 Aggies and 27 others injured; and,
Whereas(2): From 1907 to 1998, Bonfire burned annually, gradually growing from merely a pile of trash to a mountain of logs, representing both the burning desire to BTHO tu and a tangible manifestation of the Aggie Spirit; and,

Whereas(3): Each year, tens of thousands of people came to the burning of the Bonfire in Aggieland, warmed by the fire of the burning logs that had been tirelessly cut, loaded, and stacked for months; 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.

Therefore
Let it be
Resolved(1): 21 years later, all Aggies remember the events that occurred on November 18th, 1999 with hearts full of admiration and respect for those lost or 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, as it has in the past, continues to encourage students to visit the Bonfire Remembrance reflections display in the MSC Flag Room, as well as the screening of “The Burning Desire” film in various locations across campus; and,

Let it be
Further
Resolved(4): Student Senate applauds the work done by Traditions Council in ensuring that the 21st Anniversary Bonfire Remembrance Ceremony at the Bonfire Memorial, which took place November 19th, 2020 at 2:42 am, went smoothly and solemnly, especially in such a year of unexpected uncertainties due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Let it be
Further
Resolved(5): 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
Eric Mendoza, Student Body President
Traditions Council
The Battalion

Further Sponsored By:
Erin Steglich, Off-Campus Caucus
Alexia Hernandez, Liberal Arts Caucus
Emily Lucas, College of education and human development
Sofia Chunga Pizarro, Off Campus Caucus
Nathaniel Ames, Corps of Cadets
Emma Mosley, Off Campus
Dylan Sione, Off Campus Caucus