



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 73-33

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73rd Session

21st Anniversary Bonfire Remembrance Resolution

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

Action Taken:

PASSED

Certified By:

Zachary McCue

Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed:

11-18-20

Introduced By: Micheal Osborne, Traditions Council Chair
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Sponsored By: John Carter Teague, Finance Chair, COALS Caucus
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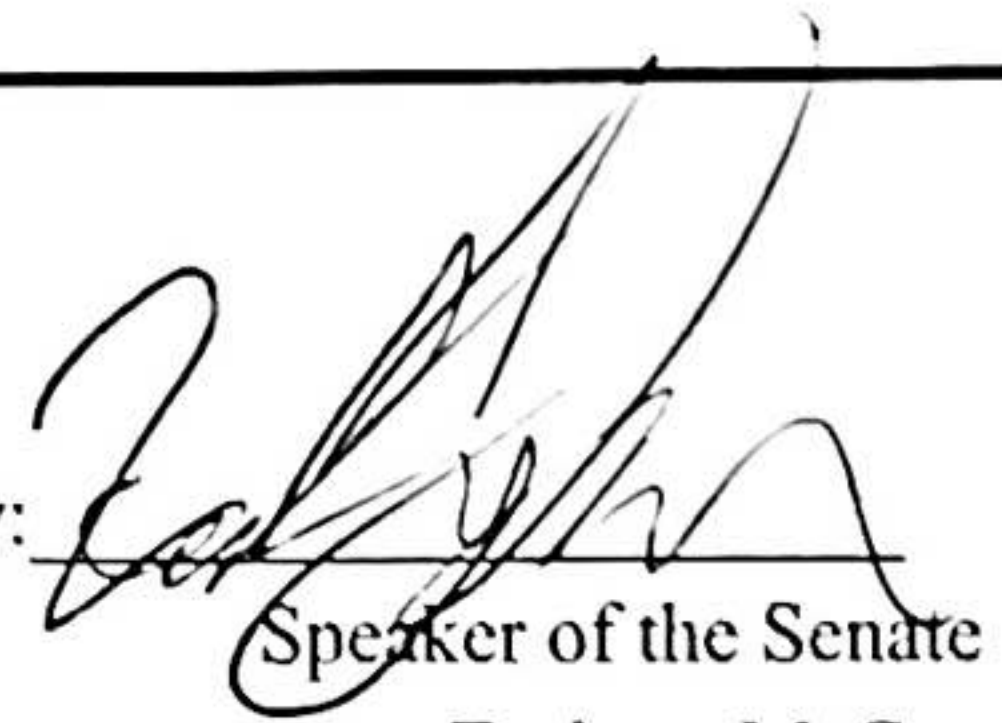
Whereas(1): On the morning of November 18th, 1999, the Fightin' Texas Aggie Bonfire collapsed at 2:42 am, resulting in the tragic loss of 12 Aggies and 27 others injured; and,



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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 BTHTO 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,



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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 18th, 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

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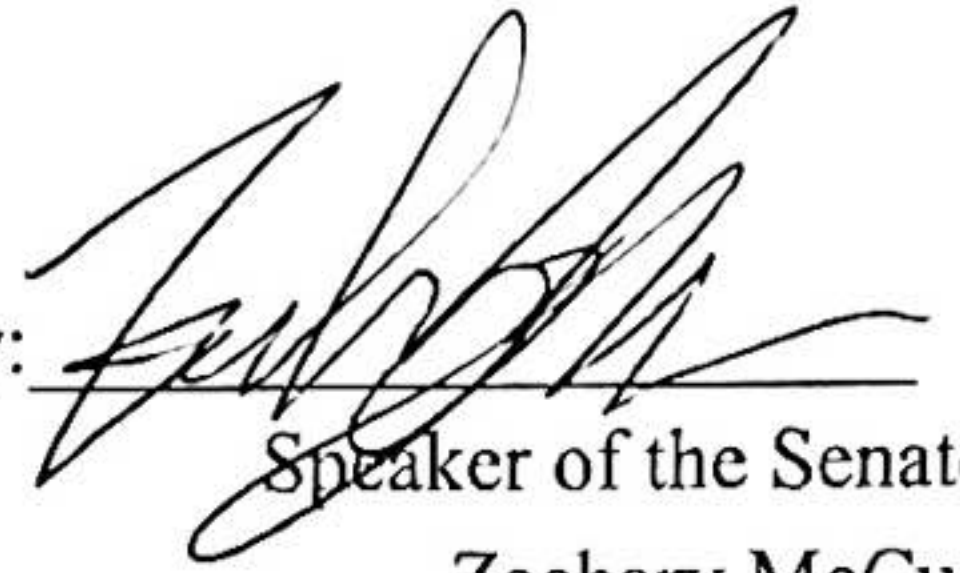
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