

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

In Memory
of
James Paul Duncan

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Dr. James Paul Duncan, who died June 9, 2009, at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, James Paul Duncan was born January 19, 1937; he attended the University of Indiana, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in sociology and a doctorate in higher education administration; following his service as an officer in the United States Army, he began a long and distinguished career as an educator, counselor, and administrator; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Duncan joined the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin in 1970 as dean of students and associate professor in the Department of Educational Administration; he held numerous positions of leadership at the university, including vice president for student affairs and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, a position he held for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from administrative duties in 1997, he returned to teaching and was designated the Ashbel Smith Professor of Educational Administration; Dr. Duncan was noted for his ability to touch the lives of his students, often going out of his way to work with them and help them complete their degrees; and

WHEREAS, He also played a vital role in the creation of one of the nation's first comprehensive counseling centers for

students at a major university; he was also part of a group that worked to expand The University of Texas System to South Texas with The University of Texas at Brownsville; he helped to guide the university through a turbulent political environment, and university leaders regularly sought his advice and counsel; and

WHEREAS, A man of vision, strength, and courage, he gave generously to others, and his dedication both to his students and to the betterment of the educational system of our state set an enduring example for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dr. James Paul Duncan; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. James Paul Duncan.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 26, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate