

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 432

In Memory  
of  
Arthur George Patterson

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Arthur George "Pat" Patterson, who died February 28, 2011, at the age of 81; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Patterson was the last surviving member of the rescue team that responded to the deadly fire at the State Capitol on February 6, 1983; he served the state with great honor and distinction as a Capitol Security Police Officer from 1975 to 1991 and as a member of the Texas Department of Public Safety; and

**WHEREAS**, During the course of the fire, Mr. Patterson braved smoke and flames to help rescue fellow officer Joel Quintanilla, who had been injured while attempting to save people trapped by the blaze; his bravery and dedication to duty set an enduring example for all who aspire to serve the public good; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Patterson was born June 6, 1929, to Tommy and Edna Patterson; he was an exemplary citizen who was admired and respected in his community for his integrity and courage; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Patterson was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather and was beloved by his family and friends, who will long cherish the memories of his life and his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Arthur George Patterson: his children, George Patterson, Brenda Smith, Sandra Patterson, Karla Larson, and Cindy Patterson;

his sister, Clara Young; and his 18 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; 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 Arthur George "Pat" Patterson.

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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 2, 2011, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate