

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 811

In Memory
of
Donald Wood Patrick

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Dr. Donald Wood Patrick, who died April 25, 2015, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, Donald Patrick was born in San Antonio on August 28, 1938, along with his twin brother, David; Donald graduated from Texas A&I University, and he earned a medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, He served with distinction as chief of neurosurgery at the 24th evacuation hospital in Vietnam, and he received a Bronze Star for his exceptional service; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, he practiced neurosurgery in Austin for more than 30 years; during that time, he served as chief of staff and as chief of surgery at hospitals across the area; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Patrick was instrumental in establishing the city's Emergency Medical Services program, and he served several times as its director; he was executive director of the Texas Medical Board from 2001 through 2008 and served as president of the Texas Association of Neurological Surgeons; and

WHEREAS, A man of many talents and interests, he raised quarter horses, built and piloted his own airplane, ran marathons and climbed mountains, played the violin, and traveled extensively; he placed great importance on lifelong learning, and he entered The University of Texas School of Law at the age of

55 and later attended the Butler School of Music as a graduate student; he was an avid supporter of the Austin Symphony Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Donald Patrick was beloved by many; a kind and gracious man, he was noted for his brilliant intellect, his strong principles and his warm sense of humor, and he will long be remembered by those who were privileged to share in his life; and

WHEREAS, He was devoted to his beloved wife of 26 years, Carolyn Biebas, and to his children and grandchildren, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. Donald Wood Patrick; 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. Donald Wood Patrick.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate