

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 110

In Memory
of
Baker Pattillo

WHEREAS, The citizens of Nacogdoches are mourning the loss of Dr. Baker Pattillo, president of Stephen F. Austin State University, who passed away on December 29, 2018, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, The son of Leroy and Mauree Pattillo, Baker Pattillo was born in Camden on June 22, 1943; he grew up with the companionship of a sister, Carolyn, and he attended Arp High School, where he excelled at football and was a member of the newspaper staff; he continued his education at Stephen F. Austin State University, earning his bachelor's and master's degrees, and he later received a Ph.D. in educational administration from Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, Embarking on an illustrious career at the university, Dr. Pattillo was named assistant director of placement and financial aid in 1966 and was promoted to director in 1970; in the ensuing years, he rose through the ranks of the university's administration, serving as dean of student services and as vice president of university affairs; he became interim president in 2006 and was appointed president in 2007; and

WHEREAS, During more than 11 years at the university's helm, Dr. Pattillo oversaw some \$425 million in campus projects, including the opening of the Richard and Lucille DeWitt School of Nursing and the Early Childhood Research Center; under his guidance, the university also reached a record enrollment of 13,144 students in 2018; in recognition of his outstanding

service, the school's Baker Pattillo Student Center was named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Pattillo enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Janice, with whom he shared a rewarding marriage that spanned more than five decades; he was a devoted father to his daughter, Paige, and he took great pride in his grandson, Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Baker Pattillo lived a life that was rich in personal and professional achievements, and his contributions to his campus and community will be remembered and appreciated for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby pay tribute be to the memory of Dr. Baker Pattillo and extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Baker Pattillo.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 1, 2019, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate