

# Proclamation

*Whereas, the Class of 1969 is among one of the most active and supportive Classes of Texas A&M University, whose members have been involved with or provided leadership in many associated alumni organizations, corporations, the military and public service; and*

*Whereas, whose members have donated more than \$16 million to various A&M entities, including The Association of Former Students; and*

*Whereas, the Class of '69 was responsible for the construction of the Spirit Plaza and the refurbishment of Military Walk on the Texas A&M campus; and*

*Whereas, the Class of '69 initiated a memorial flag program through the purchase of Texas A&M Class of '69 flags that are given in memoriam to families of deceased Classmates; and*

*Whereas, the Class of '69 dedicated a monument on the Texas A&M campus honoring Classmates who died in service to the United States during the Vietnam War era; and*

*Whereas, the Class of '69 funded and dedicated an upgraded replacement Vietnam memorial located at the north end of Dormitory Six; and*

*Whereas, in 2009 the Class of '69, wishing to establish further legacy gifts to Texas A&M, created the Legacy Campaign with the goal of raising \$690,000 by 2019, but has since exceeded that goal by raising over \$800,000; and*

*Whereas, the Class of '69 created a \$125,000 endowment to offset registration fees for Texas A&M's Fish Camp Crew members; and*

*Whereas, the Class of '69 contributed \$45,000 to create a Bugle Stand Plaza in the Corps quadrangle and to refurbish the Edwin O'Brien Bellinger Bugle Stand that was dedicated in 2017; and*

*Whereas, the Class of '69 contributed over \$500,000 to the establishment of the Spirit Plaza on Texas A&M University's campus; and*

*Whereas, the Class of '69 established relationships with the Classes of '91 and '95 that allowed the relocation of their Silver Taps and Muster monuments to the Spirit Plaza, and which led to a \$15,000 contribution to assist with that relocation; and*

*Whereas, the Class of '69 partnered with the Class of '72 to contribute \$50,000 to help fund the creation of a monument commemorating a letter that Donald Coward '72 had written to his parents in 1968 and which has served to teach incoming freshmen at Fish Camp about Silver Taps since 2000; and*

*Whereas, the Class of '69 has provided \$75,000 toward the establishment of the Avenue of the Flags; and*

*Whereas, the Class of '69 has also funded an Aggie Ring Scholarship, Regents Scholarship, Opportunity Award Scholarship, Sul Ross Scholarship, and contributed with others to fund a General Rudder Scholarship; and*

*Whereas, four members of the Class of '69 have received the highest honor bestowed upon a former student of Texas A&M University: the Distinguished Alumnus Award; and*

*Whereas, a member of the Class of '69 is currently serving as Chairman of The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents; and*

*Whereas, three members of the Class of '69 have served as The Association of Former Students' Chair of the Board and seven Classmates have served on The Association's Board of Directors; and*

*Whereas, seven members of the Class of '69 have been inducted into the Corps of Cadets Hall of Honor; and*

*Whereas, four members of the Class of '69 have served as President of the Texas Aggie Band Association; and*

*Whereas, two members of the Class of '69 have served as Chairman of the Texas A&M Foundation's Board of Trustees; and*

*Whereas, two members of the Class of '69 have served as Chair of the Board for the 12th Man Foundation and five Classmates have served on the 12th Man Foundation's Board of Directors; and be it*

*Resolved, that on the 5th day of March 2024, The Association of Former Students does hereby recognize the Class of 1969 for having attained exceptional kinship amongst their Class and supported The Association of Former Students and Texas A&M University in the most exemplary way; and, be it further*

*Resolved, that this proclamation be presented to the Class of 1969 at their induction into the Sul Ross Group in recognition of the high esteem in which the Class is held.*

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The Association of Former Students