

**U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston: Resolution to honor the heroism of the late Mr. Roger Winslow Stone, a longtime employee**

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Roger Winslow Stone joined The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in July 1980, shortly after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical photography;

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone dedicated his professional life to creating a positive environment for co-workers, students, and patients, first as a biomedical photographer and in subsequent roles as distribution manager, process systems coordinator, and logistics program manager;

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone took it upon himself to help The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston address the transportation needs of its workforce by coordinating the institution's commuter van pool and by driving a commuter van himself;

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone brought beauty into the lives of others through his fine art photography and the publication of a book on public gardens of the East Coast, coauthored with his mother, Doris Lacy Stone;

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone exemplified work-life balance by being a devoted husband to Linda, his wife of 17 years, and active father to his two children, Eric and Elizabeth;

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone was a dedicated brother to Valerie Stone and caring uncle to Lacy Shannon and Caitlyn O'Connor;

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone, an experienced mariner, served as a mentor to other young people through his work as an assistant coach and safety officer for the Texas A&M University at Galveston sailing team;

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone, during Texas Race Week in 2007, displayed heroism and altruism when he and his crew abandoned their own race ambitions to save the crew of another sailboat in distress; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone's last act as a safety officer was to save the lives of two Texas A&M University students who were caught below-decks when their sailboat capsized during the 2008 Regatta de Amigos, at the cost of his own life.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The University of Texas System Board of Regents formally acknowledges and commends Mr. Stone's exemplary life of service and supports memorializing his life by further resolving that The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston will place a recognition

plaque on a bench directly facing the Gulf of Mexico at the University's Ninth Street Circle, so that Mr. Stone's name will be an integral part of an area used daily by commuters to the campus; and

That The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston will establish the Roger Winslow Stone Hero Award to be given to other University employees who perpetuate his memory by demonstrating extraordinary courage and self-sacrifice in service to others; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that an official copy of this resolution will be provided to Mrs. Linda Stone as an expression of deep gratitude for the life of Mr. Roger Winslow Stone.