

# IN MEMORY OF A COUGAR FRIEND

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON FAMILY EXPRESSES SINCERE SORROW AT THE LOSS OF  
DAVID M. UNDERWOOD WHO PASSED AWAY AUGUST 30, 2015.**

David was born in Houston, Texas on March 5, 1937 to Milton Ramon Underwood and Catherine Fondren Underwood. He attended The Kinkaid School and graduated from Phillips Academy Andover in 1954 and from Yale University in 1958. At Yale, he was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity. He attended the Institute of Investment Banking at The Wharton School of Finance, graduating in 1969, and he received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from The University of St. Thomas in 1995.

After graduating from Yale, David spent three years on active duty in the Army Reserve, attaining the rank of Captain, Armor USAR. In 1962, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his distinctive service while at Fort Polk, Louisiana during the Berlin Crisis. In 1960, David began his working career at Underwood Neuhaus & Co., Inc. where he remained through its many successor organizations. He most recently served as Managing Director of Wells Fargo Advisors. In addition to his broker/advisor career, David was President, Director, and CEO of his family company, Feliciana Corporation.

David had extraordinary devotion to serving the community, and some of his most notable activities included: The Fondren Foundation, The Houston Methodist Health Care System, Texas Medical Center, The Kinkaid School, The Kinkaid Endowment Fund, Inc., and Phillips Academy Andover.

David received many honors. In 1997, he was honored by the American Leadership Forum with the Joseph Jaworski Leadership Award. In 2002, Neighborhood Centers, Inc. awarded him the Alice Graham Baker Crusader Award. In 2003, he received the Fuess Award for community service from Phillips Academy Andover. In 2006, the Texas Medical Center dedicated the David M. Underwood Boulevard in his honor. He received the Maurice Hirsch Award for Philanthropy from the Houston Chapter of the Society of Fund Raising Professionals in 2010.

David is predeceased by his parents Milton R. and Catherine F. Underwood, and his brother, Peter Fondren Underwood. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Lynda Knapp Underwood and his son, David M. Underwood, Jr. and wife Christine; his daughter, Catherine Underwood Murray and husband John Fulton Murray III; his son Duncan Knapp Underwood and wife Sarah; his brother-in-law, Alfred J. Knapp, Jr. and wife Carmen; his sister-in-law Leticia Lykes Knapp; numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. The University of Houston extends deep sympathy to all family, friends, and colleagues.

Therefore, I, Renu Khator, Chancellor of the University of Houston System and President of the University of Houston, hereby proclaim this day, September 3, 2015 as

## DAVID M. UNDERWOOD REMEMBRANCE DAY



In Witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the University of Houston to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2015, A.D.

**Renu Khator**  
Chancellor, UH System  
President, University of Houston