

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Day of Mourning for President Bush

December 4, 2018

To the UT Southwestern Community:

Gov. Greg Abbott has declared Wednesday, December 5, 2018, an official Day of Mourning to pay respects to the memory of former President George Herbert Walker Bush through ceremonies in homes, businesses, public buildings, schools, places of worship, or other appropriate places for public expression of grief and remembrance.

At UT Southwestern, we will honor the memory of President Bush with a moment of silence across the campus at 12:00 p.m., and I encourage supervisors to allow students, faculty, and staff who wish to attend local memorial events to take time off during the day, to the extent it does not interfere with the essential operations of the institution.

As an academic medical center, we have diverse missions and fundamental daily obligations, including the care of our patients, the education of our learners, and the continued pursuit of new discoveries through our research. As such, UT Southwestern needs to continue operations. Our clinics will remain open, patient care should continue as scheduled, laboratories will continue with the research and instructional missions, and all classes and related events will continue as scheduled.

I appreciate your continued dedication to our mission and, most importantly, to our patients who have entrusted us with their care.

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