



**PVAMU MOURNS THE PASSING OF SYLVESTER TURNER,  
FORMER HOUSTON MAYOR AND CONGRESSMAN**

**PRAIRIE VIEW**, Texas (March 6, 2025) - Prairie View A&M University President Tomikia P. LeGrande and the entire University community honor the life and legacy of former Houston Mayor and Congressman Sylvester Turner, who passed away leaving an indelible impact on Texas and beyond.

Turner, a steadfast advocate for education and community empowerment, was a keynote speaker at PVAMU's 112th Summer Commencement Convocation in 2023. His unwavering support for the University and dedication to creating opportunities for young people will be remembered for generations to come.

President LeGrande [reflected](#) on his passing, stating, "Congressman Turner was much more than a politician. He was a tireless advocate for our community, and his commitment to uplifting often unheard voices was unwavering. He understood the power of education and the importance of each person's personal story, no matter their start. His support of PVAMU was grounded in action—a testament to his belief in the potential of every student on 'The Hill.' His example showed us the importance and joy of serving others and the impact one individual can have on their community."

As the PVAMU community mourns his passing, it also celebrates his profound contributions and the enduring legacy of his leadership.

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