

NEWS RELEASE

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A Statement About Robert Dale Morgan

HOUSTON – Robert Dale Morgan, a longtime friend to the George R. Brown Convention Center who brought many sporting events to Houston, died over the weekend after a recent illness. He was 50. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Luke's Methodist Church at 3471 Westheimer.

Dawn Ullrich, president and CEO of Houston First, which manages the downtown convention center, issued the following statement:

“Robert Dale Morgan’s leadership, passion and drive helped bring the Super Bowl, the Final Four, Senior Games and many other sporting events to Houston and the George R. Brown Convention Center. Houston has lost one of its best friends, and we extend our deepest condolences to his family.”

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About Houston First

Houston First represents the consolidation of the city of Houston Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department and the Houston Convention Center Hotel Corporation. Houston First is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance and operation of more than 10 City-owned buildings and plazas, and underground and surface parking for nearly 7,000 vehicles. Facilities include the George R. Brown Convention Center, Wortham Theater Center, Jones Hall, Miller Outdoor Theatre and the Hilton Americas-Houston hotel. For more information, visit www.HoustonFirst.com.

About George R. Brown Convention Center

Houston’s George R. Brown Convention Center ranks among the 10 largest facilities in the United States with nearly 1.2 million square feet of exhibition, meeting and registration space. The downtown facility celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2012. For more information, visit www.HoustonConventionCtr.com.

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