



Dedication
Cruiser HOUSTON Memorial Exhibit
and the
George R. Brown Room
M. D. Anderson Library
University of Houston
May 15, 1981

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF
SPECIAL GUESTS

Barry Munitz
Chancellor

GREETINGS

Robin N. Downes
Director of Libraries

REMARKS

Admiral Thomas B. Hayward
Chief of Naval Operations

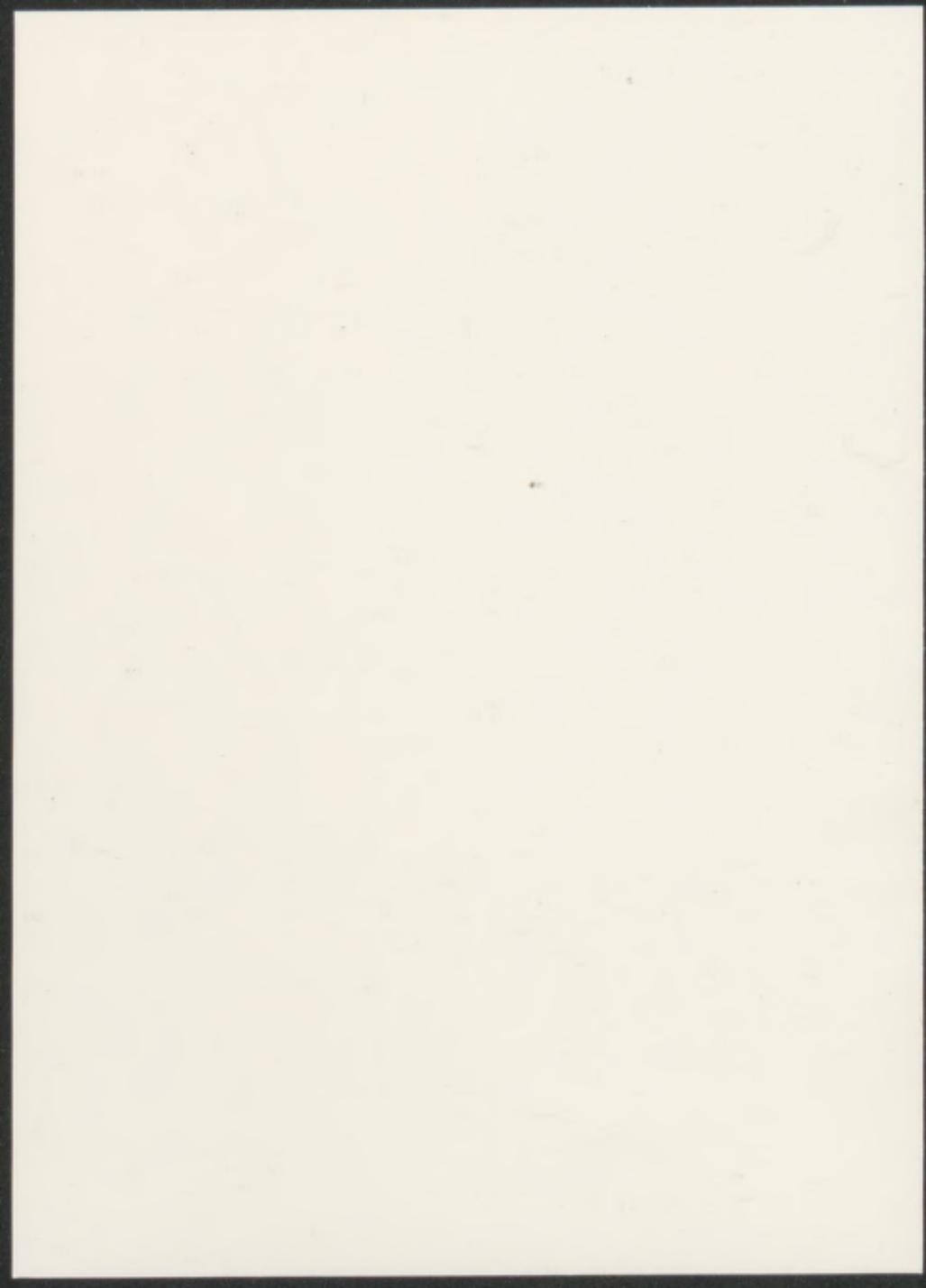
SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
GEORGE R. BROWN

Chancellor Munitz

RESPONSE

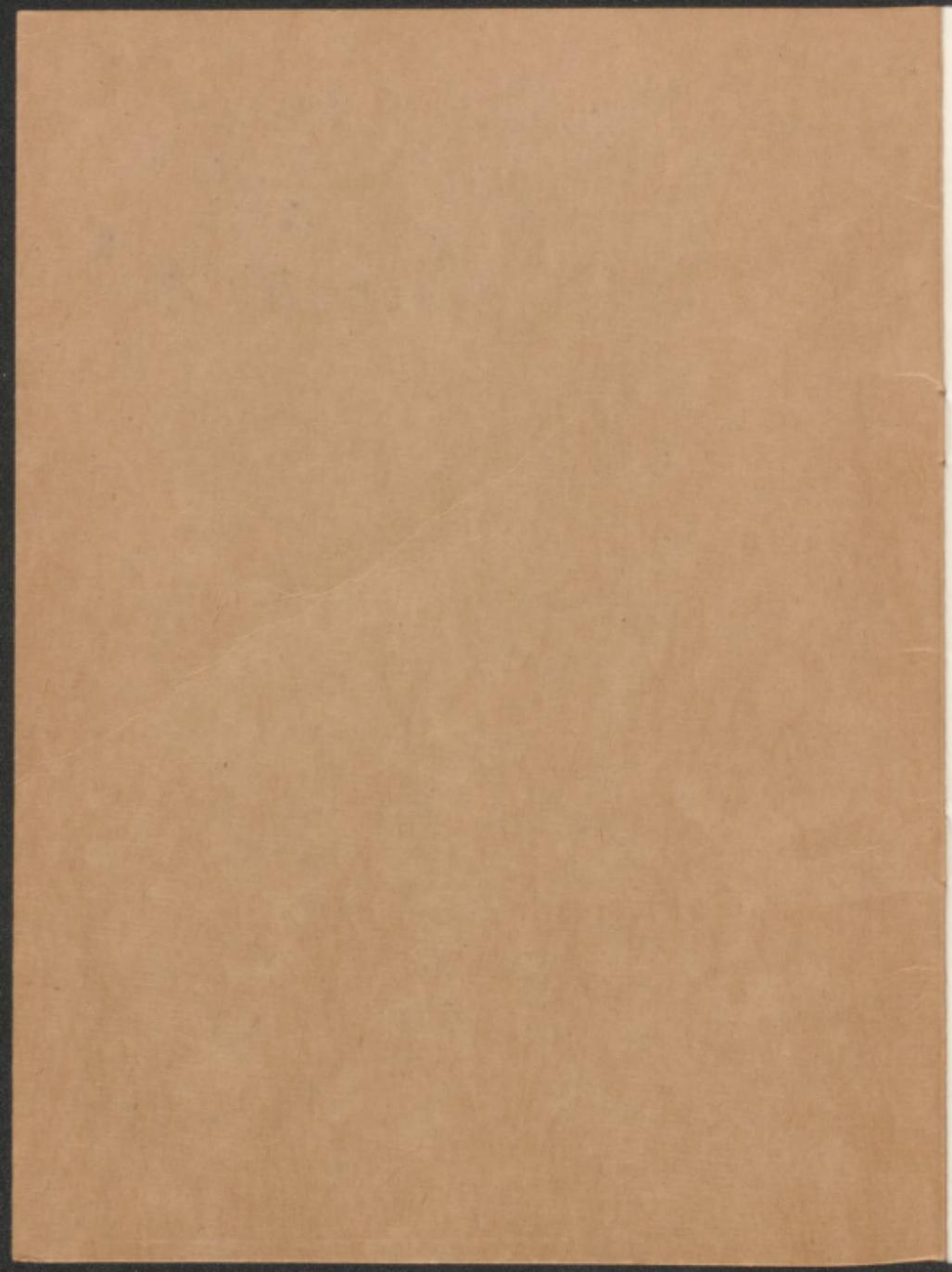
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Commander Peter T. Girardin
Chaplain, USNR-R





GEORGE R. BROWN
ROOM



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Welcome to the George R. Brown Room, a public meeting room, a special place for faculty and staff discussions, and permanent home of the Cruiser HOUSTON Memorial Exhibit.

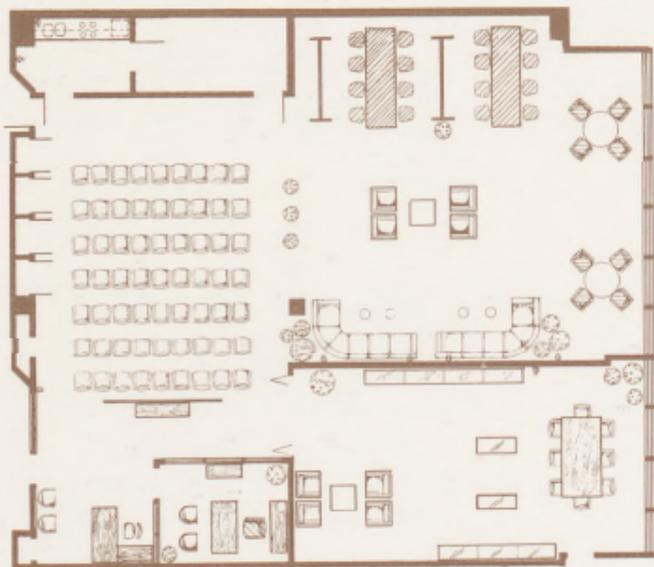
The University is grateful to The Brown Foundation, Inc. for a grant which made the room possible.

We hope you will enjoy using this facility and viewing the exhibit, and we look forward to your continued visits.



Barry Munitz, Chancellor
University of Houston

THE GEORGE R. BROWN ROOM: An ideal place for your next meeting



Located on the fifth floor of the M. D. Anderson Library, the George R. Brown Room offers versatile, comfortable meeting areas for faculty, staff and community groups and lends itself to small concerts, readings and a variety of activities.

The room contains some 4,000 square feet of space divided into a lecture/seminar area, a conversation area, and the Cruiser HOUSTON Memorial Exhibit area.

The lecture area can accommodate up to 63 persons for seated meetings. If seating is not required, the area will accommodate larger groups for receptions and exhibits.

The conversation area is ideal for smaller groups, and its comfortable furnishings and "working" arrangements of tables and chairs makes it an ideal place for group discussions. While the lecture and conversations areas

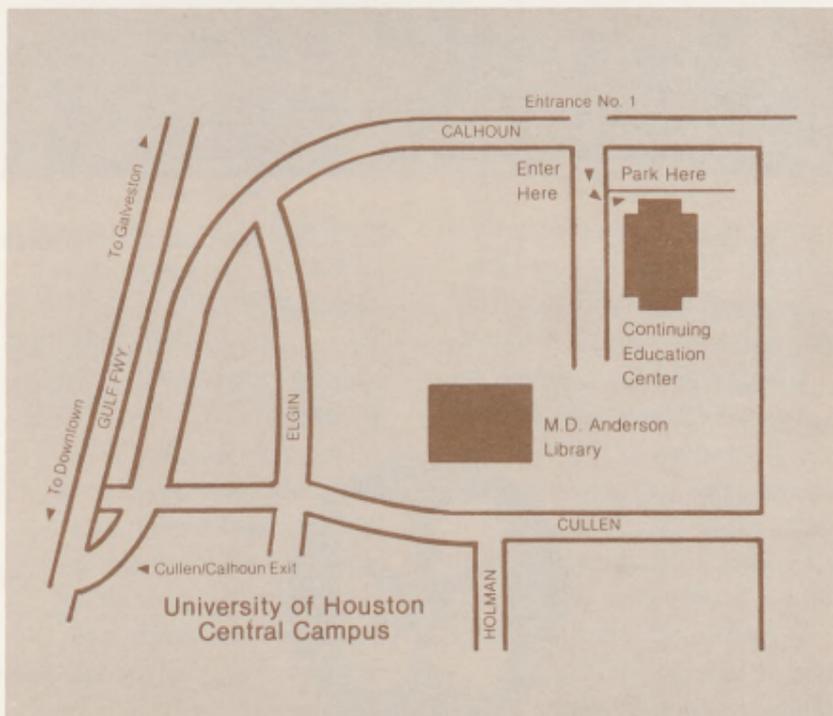
normally are separated by dividers, permitting several groups to meet at once, they may be combined to accommodate as many as 200 guests.

The room has a fully-equipped kitchen, and visitors are welcome to use the facilities to prepare and serve simple refreshments.

A complete inventory of audiovisual equipment is

maintained for the campus community by Audiovisual Services, located in the basement of the Library. Groups desiring audiovisual equipment at their meetings may make arrangements with the staff of the George R. Brown Room.

The room is available by reservation, which may be made by calling 749-7275 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays.



CRUISER HOUSTON MEMORIAL

EXHIBIT: The story of a city and her ship



The story of the USS *Houston* is one marked by patriotism, gallantry and courage.

It began in 1927 when a group of Houston civic leaders set themselves to the task of rousing the citizenry into persuading the Secretary of the Navy to name a cruiser in honor of the City of Houston.

It continued when a cruiser was so named in 1927, launched in 1929 and commissioned in 1930. Part of

the story concluded on March 1, 1942 in the Sunda Strait when, after 12 years of distinguished service, the USS *Houston* (CA-30) went down in battle.

The story continued for those who survived in the Java Sea and were taken prisoner and for those in Houston who immediately began to raise funds and manpower to pay for another cruiser.

And the story continues

today, as the Cruiser HOUSTON Memorial Exhibit tells of those gallant men and their ship and of the Houstonians who cherished that ship and her crew in peace and in war.

The exhibit consists of materials from the William A. Bernrieder Collection (a large collection of photographs, books and memorabilia) donated to the Library by Mr. Bernrieder, a member of the original committee formed in 1927.

Also on display are items sent by members of the USS Houston Survivors Association, as well as items which have been given by families of men who were killed in action.

For Houston-area school groups, the exhibit offers as

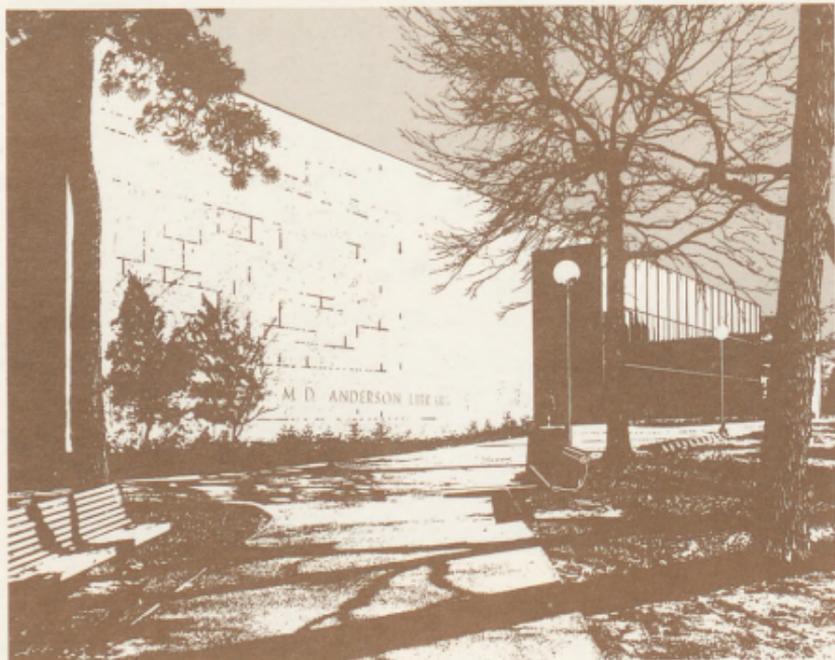
fine an example of patriotism as may be found with its recollection of a time when the entire city banded together to petition the Secretary of the Navy for a ship—and got that ship—then, when it was lost, raised money and volunteered to serve aboard a new ship.

For the historian, the exhibit and collection offer over five linear feet of records, correspondence, pamphlets and clippings.

For the casual visitor, the exhibit provides a fascinating glimpse of a ship named *Houston* which was “adopted” by an entire city and went on to play a gallant, heroic role in securing the freedom of the United States of America and her Allies during World War II.



M. D. ANDERSON LIBRARY: The intellectual center of the University



The M. D. Anderson Library and its five branch libraries on the University of Houston Central Campus maintain the largest collection of books and journals in Houston, and one of the largest in the State of Texas.

These collections include over a million volumes, as well as almost a million microforms, and extensive collections of manuscripts,

maps, and other library materials. The Library also is a depository for U.S. documents. Extensive holdings of newspapers on microfilm include complete files of *The Times* of London and *The New York Times*, as well as substantial runs of other significant national and international papers.

The Library's Department of Special Collections contains

the manuscripts of several American authors, plus outstanding collections in the areas of architecture and fine arts, Texana and Western Americana, rare *Bibles* and fine printing. Of great interest are the special exhibits held in this area of the Library.

The M. D. Anderson Library is open more than 100 hours a week. Although the Library's primary purpose is to serve students and faculty of the University, resources also are available to members of the community for use within the Library building. Guided tours of the Library and its exhibits are available to small

groups of visitors. These tours take about 30 minutes, and may be arranged through the staff of either the George R. Brown Room or the Library Administrative Office.

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George R. Brown has achieved an international reputation in engineering, construction, business and philanthropy. He is the retired chairman of the board and previous president, executive president and co-founder of Brown & Root, Inc. He serves as co-founder, president and trustee of The Brown Foundation, Inc.; founder, director and chairman of the executive committee of Texas Eastern Corporation; director of Halliburton Co. and director of First City Bancorporation, Inc.

