

By: Dutton

H.R. No. 522

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Horace Williams III of
2 Houston, who died on April 11, 2006, at the age of 64, may take
3 comfort in memories of the many happy times they shared with this
4 kindhearted Texan; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in the Bayou City on June 7, 1941, Mr. Williams
6 attended Booker T. Washington High School, Tonkawa College, and Lee
7 College; and

8 WHEREAS, He was employed with NASA and Lockheed Martin, and
9 he became the first African American assistant general manager of
10 Houston's Metropolitan Transit Authority, from which he retired to
11 focus his energies on his barbeque restaurant; and

12 WHEREAS, Married to JoAnn Perry for 42 years, Mr. Williams
13 took great pride in his three children, nine grandchildren, and six
14 great-grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, This loving father and doting grandfather was a
16 member of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church and was active with the Boy
17 Scouts of America and with many local and national governing
18 boards; he was a founder of the Council for Entrepreneurship at
19 Texas Southern University and was a former chair of the minority
20 affairs committee for APTA; and

21 WHEREAS, Horace Williams contributed to his community
22 through a lifetime of purposeful endeavor, and his generosity and
23 fun-loving nature will be remembered by all those who shared in his
24 love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
3 Horace Williams III and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
4 his family: to his children, Horace Williams IV, Reginald K.
5 Williams and his wife, Rhonda, and Elizabeth Raymond and her
6 husband, Albert; to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; to
7 his stepfather, Charlie Lee, and his wife, Debbie; to his
8 stepbrother, Nathaniel Baker; and to his many other relatives and
9 friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Horace
13 Williams III.