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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Jeff Williams of Arlington has been selected to  
2 receive the 2004 Tom Vandergriff Leadership Award from Young Men  
3 for Arlington; and

4           WHEREAS, Raised in Sherman, Mr. Williams gave early evidence  
5 of the energetic drive and tireless desire to contribute to the  
6 broader good that have distinguished his adult career; in high  
7 school, he served as president of his senior class, the National  
8 Honor Society, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; as a  
9 student at Texas Tech University, he served as vice president of the  
10 student body, editor of the student magazine, and student lobbyist  
11 to the Texas Legislature and U.S. Congress; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Williams earned a bachelor's degree in civil  
13 engineering from Texas Tech in 1981 and went to work as a project  
14 engineer for a construction company in Wichita Falls; in 1984 he  
15 moved to Arlington to join Graham Associates, Inc., where he is now  
16 a partner and executive vice president; currently engaged in  
17 planning for Interstate Highway 30, he counts among his past  
18 projects such prominent area landmarks as the Ballpark in  
19 Arlington, the River Legacy Living Science Center, and the Parks  
20 Mall; and

21           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has donated his professional  
22 services to countless community endeavors; he designed the  
23 preliminary site plan for the Rotary Sculpture Garden in  
24 Meadowbrook Park in Arlington, conducted a presentation to gain

1 approval from the Park Board, and made other presentations to  
2 engender public support; he also donated the structural design for  
3 a monument in Gene Allen Park that was developed by artists in  
4 Arlington's sister city in Germany; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has played a vital role in the  
6 Arlington Chamber of Commerce, where he presently serves on the  
7 board of directors, Economic Development Council, and Downtown  
8 Development Council; in addition, he chairs the chamber's Mobility  
9 Task Force and represents Arlington on the Regional Rail Corridor  
10 Study for the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex; and

11 WHEREAS, After working in a professional capacity on the  
12 Living Science Center, Mr. Williams joined the River Legacy  
13 Foundation Board of Directors in 1996; he is presently serving his  
14 second term as board president, and under his able guidance, the  
15 foundation has been selected as the 2004 Organization of the Year by  
16 the Fort Worth *Star-Telegram*; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams and his wife, Karen, are the proud  
18 parents of three children, Natalie, Suzanne, and Ryan; through his  
19 dedicated support of organizations in which his son and daughters  
20 have been involved, Mr. Williams has given generously of his time to  
21 Arlington youth; one of the first mentors for the Richard Greene  
22 Scholars program, he has also served as a leader in the YMCA Guides  
23 and Princesses program and as a member of the YMCA Council of Elders  
24 and Board of Directors; and

25 WHEREAS, He has shared his love of sports as a softball coach  
26 with the Arlington Girls Softball Association and as a baseball  
27 coach for the Arlington Optimist Senior division; his 1997 softball

1 and 2003 baseball teams won the sportsmanship award, and his  
2 softball squad won three consecutive city championships; and

3 WHEREAS, Together with his wife, Jeff Williams hosts the  
4 Martin High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes in his home  
5 every week; he also heads the Martin High School Choir Booster Club;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, A valued congregant of First Baptist Church,  
8 Mr. Williams presently chairs the Building and Drama Committees and  
9 serves as a youth camp counselor; and

10 WHEREAS, For two decades, Jeff Williams has exemplified the  
11 qualities of citizenship that create strong, vibrant, and caring  
12 communities, and it is indeed a pleasure to join in honoring him at  
13 this time; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Jeff Williams on his receipt of the  
16 2004 Tom Vandergriff Leadership Award from Young Men for Arlington  
17 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in all  
18 his endeavors; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Mr. Williams as an expression of high regard by the  
21 Texas House of Representatives.