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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Doris Williams of Lake Jackson personifies the  
2 highest qualities of community service and civic leadership, and  
3 her 70th birthday on August 28, 2005, provides a fitting  
4 opportunity to recognize her for her achievements; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on August 28, 1935, in Alto, Doris Faye Allen  
6 was the youngest child of Raymond and Agnes Allen; after her  
7 brother, Charles, and her sisters, Virginia, Katherine, and Margie,  
8 graduated and left the family home, her parents moved to Brazoria  
9 County, where Doris graduated from Brazosport High School in 1953;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, This native Texan married W. Kenneth Williams, and  
12 the couple enjoyed an enduring union that spanned 29 years until his  
13 passing in 2001; today, she continues to enjoy the love and  
14 affection of a fine family that includes two daughters, Jean Ann and  
15 Theresa Kay and her husband, Donald Wayne, two grandchildren,  
16 Brittany Marie and Miles Randolph, and one grandcat, Rascal Baby;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, She is a member of First United Methodist Church of  
19 Lake Jackson and takes great pleasure in serving on many church  
20 committees; and

21           WHEREAS, This esteemed woman is also a dedicated community  
22 leader, as evidenced by her work in behalf of the city of Lake  
23 Jackson, where she has resided for more than 50 years; asked in 1981  
24 to serve in a vacated position on the city council, she went on to

1 win several unopposed elections to the council and eventually ran  
2 for mayor, taking office in 1988 and serving successfully until her  
3 retirement in 1996; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams has been politically active not only  
5 in her local community but also in numerous county, state, and  
6 national capacities, including her service as an alternate delegate  
7 and an alternate-at-large to the Republican National Convention in  
8 1988; a member of Brazosport Republican Women, she served as a  
9 county election judge and with numerous city, county, state, and  
10 national election committees; and

11 WHEREAS, Her leadership has also benefited the Brazosport  
12 College Foundation, which she served as steering committee chair,  
13 and she kicked off the "Building a Legacy" campaign to assist in  
14 securing resources for the school's first-ever facilities  
15 expansion capital campaign; she was honored for her generous  
16 donation as well as her volunteer work with the college's finance,  
17 development, and fund development committees; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams has held leadership positions with a  
19 number of social, service, business, and health-related  
20 organizations, including the Brazosport Health Foundation, the  
21 Lake Jackson Museum, Lake Jackson Emergency Medical Services, the  
22 Lake Jackson Business Association, Brazoria County Museum, the  
23 DeLay Foundation, Brazosport Memorial Hospital's Advisory Board,  
24 and the Lake Jackson Historical Museum, to name but a few; and

25 WHEREAS, Her exceptional contributions to her community have  
26 earned this public-spirited woman repeated recognition from  
27 numerous local organizations, such as induction into the Republican

1 Hall of Honor and receipt of the Brazosport Outstanding Woman of the  
2 Year award, the Community Builder Award from the Masonic Grand  
3 Lodge of Texas, and the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Rotary  
4 Club; and

5 WHEREAS, Through her tireless commitment to creating a  
6 stronger, more vibrant community, Doris Williams has immeasurably  
7 enriched the world around her and touched the lives of countless  
8 fellow citizens; beloved by many for her caring and generous  
9 nature, she indeed has reason to celebrate seven decades of  
10 wonderful memories with her loving family and many close friends;  
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby honor Doris Williams on the occasion of her 70th  
14 birthday and extend to her profound appreciation for her ongoing  
15 efforts in behalf of the citizens of Lake Jackson, Brazoria County,  
16 and the State of Texas and extend to her sincere best wishes for  
17 continued health and happiness; and, be it further

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