

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1059**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize members of the Williams-Livingston family on the grand occasion of their family reunion, which is being held June 3 through 5, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Every year, on the first Saturday of June, members of the Williams-Livingston family hold a reunion to celebrate their heritage and to commemorate the birth of Mamie Elizabeth "Mama Mae" Williams; they invite friends from across Texas and the United States and share their celebration of love for their family and community; and

**WHEREAS**, Family history reveals that the Charles and Caroline Livingston families moved from Virginia as freed slaves and arrived in the Freestone County area in the early 1800s; the Charles Livingston family settled in the area known as Cotton Gin and sharecropped on local farms; and

**WHEREAS**, Caroline Livingston's family moved from Alabama to Kirvin in Freestone County; they arrived in covered wagons, on horseback, and on foot; they settled on the Alfred Carter farm and worked his land; and

**WHEREAS**, Caroline and Charles Livingston's children, Elbert Jefferson, Fannie, Foster, Elizabeth, and Callie, supported their community and were instrumental in establishing the Woods Chapel Primitive Baptist Church; they helped create a public school system for their children and children from surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The members of the Williams-Livingston family who host the annual reunion are the descendants of Caroline and Charles Livingston's daughter, Elizabeth Livingston; born July 2, 1866, she married Austin Williams, a freed slave from Tennessee, and the couple had 10 children; Mamie Elizabeth "Mama Mae" Williams, born June 1, 1889, was one of those children; and

**WHEREAS**, Mamie Elizabeth "Mama Mae" Williams was the matriarch of the Williams-Livingston family until October 13, 1987, when she died at the age of 98; her daughters and their families had scattered across Texas to Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio, where many of the Williams-Livingston family members reside and work today; and

**WHEREAS**, The Williams-Livingston family members are successful men and women who have contributed greatly to their communities through their leadership, professionalism, and concern for others; and

**WHEREAS**, They are exemplary citizens who believe strongly in traditional values and instill in their children the virtues of love and hard work; and

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**WHEREAS**, The annual Williams-Livingston reunion is the manifestation of the family's belief in unity, loyalty, and pride in one's heritage; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend to the members of the Williams-Livingston family best wishes for a joyous and memorable family reunion; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the family as a memento of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate