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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of Nathaniel Williams of Dallas, who passed away on April 10, 2007;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Born and raised in Waco, Mr. Williams graduated from  
6 A. J. Moore High School in 1954 and earned a bachelor's degree from  
7 Wiley College and a master's degree from Texas A&M University; he  
8 began his career as a teacher and coach in Terrell before moving to  
9 Dallas in 1960; he served as a basketball coach for M. B. Lamar and  
10 William Brown Miller Elementary Schools and Oliver Wendell Holmes  
11 Middle School, leading a number of teams to the city championships;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Williams went on to serve area schoolchildren as  
14 an administrator with the Dallas Independent School District for  
15 many years, beginning with a tenure as the assistant principal of  
16 Pearl C. Anderson Middle School; he completed the Mott Institute  
17 Community School Leadership Program and later established the first  
18 community education program in Texas; before his retirement in  
19 1994, he served as director of the district's Adult Basic Education  
20 Program; and

21           WHEREAS, In addition to his professional achievements, Mr.  
22 Williams was active in his community as a commissioner of the  
23 Comanche District of the Circle Ten Council of the Boy Scouts of  
24 America, and his contributions earned him scouting's highest honor,

1 the Silver Beaver Award; a valued congregant of St. Elizabeth  
2 Catholic Church, he also shared his time with the Connecting Link of  
3 Trinity Chapter of The Links, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, and  
4 the alumni associations of Wiley College and Texas A&M University;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was a devoted husband and loving  
7 father; he shared 43 years of marriage with his wife, Ann Ferrell  
8 Williams, and the couple were blessed with a daughter, Angelia  
9 Nicole, who was said to be the apple of her father's eye; and

10 WHEREAS, To all his endeavors, Nathaniel Williams brought an  
11 unshakeable integrity, a boundless capacity for hard work, and a  
12 profound desire to make a positive difference in the lives of  
13 others, and he will long be fondly remembered by the countless  
14 people whom he inspired; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Nathaniel Williams and  
17 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
18 Ann Ferrell Williams; to his daughter, Angelia Nicole Williams; to  
19 his brothers, Carl E. Williams, Don A. Williams and his wife,  
20 Cheryl, Gerald Williams, and Phillip Williams; to his  
21 sisters-in-law, Bell Williams, Andora Mitchell, Mary Sampson,  
22 Loretta Hatcher, and Ruby Sanders; to his brothers-in-law, Clarence  
23 Ferrell, Samuel Ferrell and his wife, Dorothy, Benjamin Ferrell,  
24 Joe Louis Ferrell, and Willie Ferrell and his wife, Freda; to his  
25 godchildren, Davita and Fredrick Lister; and to his other relatives  
26 and many friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Nathaniel  
3 Williams.