

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 Oscar Ray Williams of San Antonio, who died on April 10, 2008, at  
4 the age of 76; and

5           WHEREAS, A "leap year" baby, Oscar Williams was born in  
6 Temple on February 29, 1932, to Andrew and Eva Williams; he spent  
7 his early childhood years in Smithville, where he was raised by his  
8 aunt and uncle, Sally and the Reverend Charlie Clark, before  
9 returning to Temple and graduating from Dunbar Meridith High  
10 School; and

11           WHEREAS, On May 3, 1951, Mr. Williams was joined in matrimony  
12 to his childhood sweetheart, Doloris Blair, whom he had known since  
13 the fifth grade; together they shared nearly 57 years of marriage  
14 and welcomed two daughters and five grandchildren into their  
15 family; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Williams served his country as a member of the  
17 U.S. Army, spending two years stationed in Germany during the  
18 Korean War; honorably discharged in 1953, he moved to San Antonio in  
19 June of that year and enrolled at St. Philip's College, where he  
20 studied tailoring and art; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Williams worked for several employers before  
22 embarking on a notable 35-year career at Kelly Air Force Base; he  
23 retired in 1990 from his post as the section chief of the DSTEP  
24 Prevention Section after having achieved a perfect record of

1 attendance during his lengthy tenure at the base; he also served on  
2 the board of the City of San Antonio Zoning Commission, where he  
3 demonstrated similar diligence and never missed a meeting; and

4         WHEREAS, Following his retirement, he became the grounds  
5 manager at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church; he also contributed  
6 to the church as a deacon, as its first photographer, and as  
7 superintendent of the Sunday school, and as chair of finance and  
8 benevolence and of the Antioch Community Transformation Network; in  
9 turn, the church honored his commitment by placing him on the Humble  
10 Beginnings Calendar and by dedicating a portion of the Antioch  
11 Sports Complex as the Deacon Oscar "Daddy Ray" Williams Activity  
12 Room; in addition to his work and church activities, Mr. Williams  
13 enjoyed a range of hobbies, including gardening, photography,  
14 collecting cars, and world travel; and

15         WHEREAS, Ray Williams lived a rich and fulfilling life,  
16 characterized by deep devotion to his family, his church, his  
17 country, and his community, and he will be greatly missed by all who  
18 knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

19         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Oscar Ray Williams  
21 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
22 wife, Doloris Williams; to his daughters, Gail Rayetta Collins and  
23 Carla Denise Walker; to his grandchildren, Brandy Gail and Jamie  
24 Denise Collins, Andrea DeRaechelle, and Dominique DeRay Walker; to  
25 his sisters, Juanita Smith and her husband, Smitty, and Mary  
26 Armstrong and her husband, Roscoe; to his brothers, Wilbert  
27 Williams and his wife, Lilly, and Travis Williams and his wife,

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1 Else; to his sons-in-law, James Edward Collins and Andre Ronell  
2 Walker; to his sister-in-law, Johnnie Mae Blair; to his  
3 brothers-in-law, Jimmy Lee and his wife, Sue, Thomas Blair and his  
4 wife, Pat, and Johnny Blair; and to his other relatives and friends;  
5 and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Oscar Ray  
9 Williams.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 430 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House