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H.R. No. 430

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,

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.