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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Maggie and Ennis Williams of the Old Central
2 Cultural Center in Galveston are helping their fellow Texans to
3 commemorate Juneteenth, the historic date that signifies the end of
4 slavery in Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Located in the first African American high school in
6 Texas, the Old Central Cultural Center was founded to provide
7 cultural enrichment to tourists and residents, to preserve
8 artifacts of black culture, and to serve local citizens as a
9 community center; Mr. Williams serves as president of the center's
10 board of directors, while Mrs. Williams also serves on the board as
11 a valued member; and

12 WHEREAS, To help increase awareness of the significance of
13 Juneteenth in the history of our state, Mr. and Mrs. Williams serve
14 as co-chairs of the Al Edwards Juneteenth Banquet, which draws
15 nearly 400 people and is celebrating its 13th year in 2009; they
16 have also given generously of their time to help coordinate the
17 annual Emancipation Proclamation Reading and Prayer Breakfast, and
18 they were instrumental in securing local approval of the Juneteenth
19 monument at the historic Ashton Villa; and

20 WHEREAS, Respected members of their community, Mr. and Mrs.
21 Williams are retired from their careers with the Galveston
22 Independent School District, where he was employed as an
23 administrator and she was employed as an educator; they both attend
24 Avenue L Baptist Church, one of the oldest African American

1 churches in Texas; and

2 WHEREAS, Juneteenth represents a turning point in the history
3 of the Lone Star State, and Mr. and Mrs. Williams indeed merit
4 special recognition for their hard work and dedication in helping
5 to organize events to commemorate this important day; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby commend Maggie and Ennis Williams for their
9 efforts to commemorate Juneteenth in Galveston and extend to
10 Mr. and Mrs. Williams sincere best wishes for continued success
11 with their important work; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Williams as an expression of high regard
14 by the Texas House of Representatives.