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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of the Alief community in Houston lost a
2 beloved friend and neighbor with the passing of Henry Donald
3 Williams on May 13, 2009, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, Henry Williams was born in Kentucky, and he worked
5 to help provide for his nine younger siblings before answering his
6 nation's call to duty and joining the U.S. Air Force as a teenager;
7 after serving his country for 21 years, he went on to become an
8 educator and was employed by the Aldine and Lamar Independent
9 School Districts; and

10 WHEREAS, This public-spirited Texan constantly strived to
11 improve the quality of life for the members of his community; he
12 served on the board of the Bellaire West Home Owners Association and
13 as the treasurer for the Houston Police Department Westside
14 Positive Interaction Program, and he was a founding member and
15 secretary of the Alief Super Neighborhood Council; also involved in
16 cultural activities, he was a longtime member of the Notre Dame choir
17 and an officer of the Rainbow Rockers Square Dance Club; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams enjoyed 41 years of marriage with his
19 wife, Heidi; after her death, he was fortunate enough to find love a
20 second time, and he and his wife, Anne, often volunteered together
21 and were highly regarded in their community for their diligent work
22 with the annual Alief Health Fair; Mr. Williams was a devoted father
23 to his four children, Barbara, Mike, Jim, and the late Henry Lee
24 Williams, and he welcomed eight grandchildren into his treasured

1 family; and

2 WHEREAS, With his compassion and generosity, Henry Williams
3 enhanced the lives of many, and his legacy of goodwill will continue
4 to inspire those who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Henry Donald
8 Williams and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:
9 to his wife, Anne Williams; to his children, Barbara McInnis, Mike
10 Williams and his wife, Edie, and Jim Williams and his wife, Shelli;
11 to his grandchildren, Dion, Justin, and Cameron McInnis and Hailey,
12 Shane, Brian, Callie, and Jaime Williams; and to his other
13 relatives and friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Henry
17 Williams.