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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Friends and family were greatly saddened by the loss
2 of Hobbs Williams of Hawkins, who passed away on April 22, 2009, at
3 the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on September 2, 1923, in Sulphur Springs, Hobbs
5 Williams was the son of Byron and Lorena Williams; he attended The
6 University of Texas on a baseball scholarship and had the
7 opportunity to play in the inaugural College World Series, where he
8 helped his team by hitting a grand-slam home run; his college
9 studies were interrupted by service as a bombardier in the U.S. Army
10 Air Forces during World War II, but he returned to UT to earn a
11 bachelor's degree in 1948 and a master's degree in education the
12 following year; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams married the former Doris Carolyn Dietze
14 in 1947, and the couple later moved to Kerens; in 1956, they both
15 accepted teaching positions in the Grand Prairie Independent School
16 District; Mr. Williams went on to spend 30 years with the district,
17 retiring as its superintendent in 1986; his exceptional career was
18 recognized by Grand Prairie ISD in 2008, when Hobbs Williams
19 Elementary was named in his honor; and

20 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan moved to Hawkins with his wife
21 shortly after his retirement, and he became an active member of
22 First United Methodist Church, the Hawkins Chamber of Commerce, the
23 Veterans Memorial Association, and the Lake Hawkins Homeowners
24 Association; and

1 WHEREAS, Hobbs Williams was a man of great skill and
2 dedication, and his legacy of service to his country, to his family,
3 and to students in the Grand Prairie community will long resonate
4 with those who had the good fortune 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 life of Hobbs Williams and
8 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
9 Doris Carolyn Williams; to his children, Byron Leroy Williams and
10 Linda Crabtree and her husband, Bill; and to his other relatives and
11 friends; and, be it further

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