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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 death of journalist, publisher, and Kerr County commissioner
3 William H. Williams of Kerrville on December 5, 2010, at the age of
4 79; and

5 WHEREAS, Bill Williams was born on October 21, 1931, in
6 Birmingham, Alabama, to Calvin and Lillian Levy Williams; raised in
7 Indiana, he attended Gulf Coast Military Academy in Mississippi;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams first came to Texas as a young man, when
10 he took a job as a printer at the *Waco Tribune-Herald*; in 1955, he
11 met his future wife, Lew, who was an editor at the paper and they
12 were married in 1958; together, they were blessed with a son, Will,
13 and two granddaughters, Erin and Caille; and

14 WHEREAS, A veteran newspaperman, Mr. Williams edited the
15 newspaper of the International Typographical Union in Colorado
16 Springs, Colorado; he then started working at the *Daily Racing Form*
17 in New York as the labor relations director and retired in the 1990s
18 as the paper's publisher; he and his wife moved to Kerrville in 1993
19 and purchased the *Kerrville Mountain Sun*, which they ran for three
20 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Williams actively
22 participated in civic affairs; while he was working for the *Racing*
23 *Form*, he served three terms as a committeeman and three terms as
24 mayor of Freehold Township, New Jersey; in Texas, he was appointed

1 by Governor George Bush to the Upper Guadalupe River Authority, and
2 he was also named to serve on the Alamo Work Force Development
3 Board; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1998, Mr. Williams was elected as Kerr County
5 commissioner for Precinct 2, and at the time of his death, he had
6 just been reelected to his fourth term; during his tenure, he played
7 a leading role in creating the Kerrville South Wastewater Project,
8 providing sewer service for the first time to 250 homes; and

9 WHEREAS, This outstanding civic leader also served as a
10 director of the Alamo Area Council of Governments, the Alamo Area
11 Development Corporation, and the Kerr County/Kerrville Joint
12 Airport Board; he was a past president of the Host Lions Club and a
13 member of the Alliance for Progress in Center Point; he sat on the
14 executive committee of the Kerr Economic Development Foundation,
15 and he was a member of the Baylor University Alumni Foundation; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was active with Zion Lutheran Church,
17 serving as congregation president during the construction of the
18 church's new sanctuary; he was also a talented pianist who enjoyed
19 performing at the church; and

20 WHEREAS, Bill Williams worked to better his community, and he
21 leaves behind a record of achievement and service that his loved
22 ones can look to with great pride; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable William
25 H. Williams and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
26 family: to his wife of 52 years, Lew Williams; to his son, Will
27 Williams and his wife, Pam; to his brother, Calvin T. Williams; to

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1 his sister, Carolyn Turk; to his granddaughters, Erin and Caille;
2 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William H.
6 Williams.