

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Garland have greatly benefited from the  
2 leadership of Rick Williams, who has served as a city council member  
3 for three terms; and

4 WHEREAS, Elected to the city council in 2007, Mr. Williams  
5 was chosen the following year to serve as mayor pro tempore; during  
6 his six years on the council, he has chaired the audit committee and  
7 represented Garland in the Emergency Preparedness Department of the  
8 North Central Texas Council of Governments; and

9 WHEREAS, In addressing the issues that face his city, Mr.  
10 Williams has drawn on experience gained from extensive involvement  
11 in the community; he has served on a number of municipal bodies,  
12 including the Garland Parks and Recreation and Utility Advisory  
13 Boards, as well as held the offices of president, vice president,  
14 treasurer, and code chair of the Camelot Neighborhood Association;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Born in Austin, Mr. Williams attended Texas A&M  
17 University, where he studied finance, lettered on the tennis team  
18 for three years, and belonged to the Corps of Cadets; after  
19 graduation, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United  
20 States Army; during his three years in the military, he served as a  
21 helicopter pilot and also as a gunship platoon leader in Vietnam; he  
22 is a recipient of the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Air  
23 Medal with "V" device, for valor; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was employed for 35 years at the Dallas

1 Regional Office of the Social Security Administration; along the  
2 way, he earned a master's degree in management and administrative  
3 science from The University of Texas at Dallas; and

4 WHEREAS, Seeking to develop his knowledge of plants and  
5 flowers, Mr. Williams took night classes at Richland College for  
6 five years and ultimately received an associate's degree in  
7 ornamental horticulture; certified by the Texas Nursery and  
8 Landscape Association, he volunteers at the Dallas Arboretum and  
9 serves as a call screener for *Neil Sperry's Texas Gardening*, a local  
10 radio show; he has also created and maintained a community garden on  
11 a vacant Garland lot; and

12 WHEREAS, Rick Williams and his wife of 41 years, Janet  
13 Williams, take great pride in their two sons, Damon and Jeremy, and  
14 they have delighted in welcoming into their family a grandson,  
15 Ryan; and

16 WHEREAS, A highly dedicated public servant, Rick Williams has  
17 helped to make Garland an even better place in which to live and  
18 work, and it is a pleasure to recognize this esteemed Texan for his  
19 outstanding commitment to his community; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
21 Legislature hereby honor Rick Williams for his service on the  
22 Garland City Council and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
23 continued happiness; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 283 was adopted by the House on  
February 18, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House