

By: Button

H.R. No. 283

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

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