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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Cheryl Mayo Williams stepped down from her post as 2 executive director of West Dallas Community Centers, Inc., on February 27, 2013, to assume her new duties as senior director of 3 community and government relations with the Children's Health and 4 5 Wellness Alliance at Children's Medical Center in Dallas; and 6 WHEREAS, Ms. Williams took the helm of WDCC in 2009 and 7 managed fund-raising and program implementation for the youth development organization; she also oversaw an annual budget of \$1.4 8 9 million, as well as \$2 million in assets, and guided a full-time staff of 15 in serving some 1,500 families and more than 600 youth; 10 11 in recognition of her work, she received commendation for 12 Outstanding Leadership from the City of Dallas and the 2012 Gail Reese Ward Excellence in Mentoring Award from Southern Methodist 13 14 University; and WHEREAS, Before her appointment to lead WDCC, Ms. Williams 15 served as president and CEO of Mayo Consulting Associates, 16 providing on-site administrative, clinical, and human resources 17 18 assistance for AIDS service organizations in the southern United States; she holds a bachelor's degree in business management from 19 Fisk University and a master's degree in public health and health 20 21 care administration from Meharry Medical College; earlier in her career, she interned for a year under Dr. Louis Sullivan when he 22 23 served as U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and then joined the staff of Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas, 24

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- 1 where she served first as an administrative resident and later as
- 2 administrative director of strategic planning and administration
- 3 and as director of human resource relations; in addition, she
- 4 worked for several years as vice president of human resources for
- 5 Columbia/HCA-Arlington; and
- 6 WHEREAS, A cofounder and former president of the Dallas/Fort
- 7 Worth Chapter of the National Association of Health Services
- 8 Executives, Ms. Williams now serves as co-chair of the Dallas
- 9 County District 3 Public Health Advisory Council; in addition, she
- 10 is a member of the Health Advisory Council for Congresswoman Eddie
- 11 Bernice Johnson; and
- WHEREAS, Supportive of numerous community organizations, Ms.
- 13 Williams is actively involved in St. Luke "Community" United
- 14 Methodist Church, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, the Dallas Women's
- 15 Foundation, and KWANZAAFEST, as well as the Dallas Chapter of The
- 16 Links, Inc., and the public service sorority Delta Sigma Theta; and
- 17 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, she enjoys the love and
- 18 support of her husband, Reginald B. Williams; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Through her exemplary leadership, Cheryl Mayo
- 20 Williams has greatly benefited West Dallas Community Centers,
- 21 furthering its efforts to help local youth succeed, and it is a
- 22 privilege to recognize the critical skills and dedication that she
- 23 continues to bring to the field of social services; now, therefore,
- 24 be it
- 25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
- 26 Legislature hereby honor Cheryl Mayo Williams on her notable tenure
- 27 as executive director of West Dallas Community Centers and extend

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- 1 to her sincere best wishes for continued success in all her
- 2 endeavors; and, be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 4 prepared for Ms. Williams as an expression of high regard by the
- 5 Texas House of Representatives.