

By: Morrison

H.R. No. 3144

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The residents of Victoria lost a prominent community
2 leader with the passing of the Honorable Kemper Sam Williams Jr. on
3 April 30, 2015, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Kemper and Genevieve Williams in Victoria on
5 May 21, 1931, Mr. Williams graduated from St. Joseph High School in
6 1948 and went on to earn a law degree from St. Mary's University; he
7 became a respected lawyer in Victoria and also hosted a popular
8 daily show, *Kemper*, on AM radio; this patriotic Texan fought
9 bravely for his country during the Korean War as a captain in the
10 U.S. Army, and he remained in the Army Reserve for many years after;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams served as the mayor of Victoria from
13 1963 to 1973 and as president of the Texas Municipal League for
14 several terms; among the many organizations to benefit from his
15 interest were the Victoria Jaycees, the Salvation Army, the
16 Victoria Civic Chorus, and the Military Order of the World Wars; in
17 all of his endeavors, he enjoyed the love and support of his wife,
18 Patricia, with whom he shared a rewarding marriage that spanned 59
19 years until her passing; and

20 WHEREAS, An active and dedicated public servant, Kemper
21 Williams will be deeply missed, but his achievements will continue
22 to benefit area residents for years to come; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Kemper Sam Williams

1 Jr. and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
2 daughters, Cecilia Allison and her husband, Robert, Mary Tinsley
3 and her husband, Steve, and Jane Newton and her husband, Charles; to
4 his son, Kemper Stephen Williams and his wife, Doreen; to his 15
5 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and to his other
6 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kemper Sam
10 Williams Jr. of Victoria.