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H.R. No. 2725

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Amarillo lost an admired civic leader
2 with the death of Keith Roger Williams on May 19, 2017, at the age of
3 65; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of L. Keith and Bonnie Williams, Roger
5 Williams was born on September 10, 1951, and grew up in Kansas City,
6 Missouri; he completed both his bachelor's and master's degrees at
7 Brigham Young University; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was the proud father of three children
9 by his first marriage, Stewart, Marissa, and Marshall, and
10 following his marriage to Ana Estevez on December 26, 2003, he
11 welcomed two more children, Nikki and Alexis, into his treasured
12 family; moreover, he took great delight in his role as grandfather
13 to Bailee, Ethan, Kai, and Landree; and

14 WHEREAS, The face of Bell Helicopter in the community,
15 Mr. Williams was one of the first staff members at the plant when it
16 opened; over the course of his long tenure, he served in a number of
17 key roles, including site leader, director of administration,
18 executive director, and head of human resources; he was a kind
19 mentor to numerous colleagues, and he was known in the wider
20 community for his leadership in charitable organizations;
21 dedicated to the United Way of Amarillo and Canyon, he helped raise
22 more than \$5 million as co-chair of its 2008 annual campaign, and he
23 served on the executive board for a dozen years; he was a member of
24 many other nonprofit boards as well; and

1 WHEREAS, Sustained by a profound faith, Mr. Williams was an
2 active member of First Baptist Church, where he even helped out in
3 the nursery; following his retirement in 2012, he became deeply
4 involved in the church refugee programs and drove vans to bring ESL
5 students to their classes at First Baptist; he also devoted
6 considerable time, effort, and resources to help people in need in
7 Haiti; an avid scholar and voracious reader, he studied a wide range
8 of subjects; he also loved travel and music and was a great
9 supporter of the Amarillo Symphony; and

10 WHEREAS, The life of Roger Williams stands as an inspiring
11 example of service to others, and though he will be deeply missed by
12 those he has left behind, they will forever treasure their memories
13 of his magnificent smile, sharp wit, and boundless generosity; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of K. Roger Williams and
17 extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Roger
22 Williams.