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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 90th birthday of a trailblazing entrepreneur is
2 truly cause for celebration, and Lucious L. Williams of DeSoto
3 marked this significant milestone in his life on March 16, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Clarksdale, Mississippi, in 1931, Lucious
5 Williams grew up as the second-youngest of nine children; he joined
6 the Memphis Red Sox in the Negro American League as a teenager and
7 played second base; in 1979, while living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
8 he launched an engineering company, Dikita Enterprises, using his
9 car as collateral for a 90-day start-up loan; four years later, he
10 moved his headquarters to Dallas, where his oldest daughter, Eve,
11 was attending college, and he persuaded her to become chief
12 financial officer; he is also the proud father of two other
13 daughters, Desiree and Sarah, and he shares a fulfilling marriage
14 with his wife, Rubee Manson Williams; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams skillfully guided the growth of
16 Dikita, which is considered the oldest African American-owned
17 engineering and consulting firm in North Texas; over the course of
18 more than four decades, it has handled a host of major projects for
19 such entities as Dallas Area Rapid Transit, DFW International
20 Airport, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the Dallas and
21 Lancaster Independent School Districts; it has also provided
22 transit planning and other services to communities across the
23 nation; in 2010, he handed the reins to Eve Williams, and he now
24 serves as chair of the board and director of government affairs; he

1 has given generously of his expertise as the leader of numerous
2 civic groups, and in his free time, he is an avid golfer; in 2018, he
3 was inducted into the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame; and

4 WHEREAS, Respected and admired by all who are privileged to
5 know him, Lucious Williams may reflect with great satisfaction on a
6 lifetime of achievement, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring
7 him on this noteworthy occasion; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Lucious L. Williams on his 90th
10 birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
11 happiness; and, be it further

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