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S.R. No. 36

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of John Hamshire Williams, who died on October 20, 2023, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, John Williams was born on October 17, 1933, in El Paso, and in 1941, he moved with his family to Pecos; he experienced the joys of rural living while growing up on his family's farm before attending Saint Edward's High School, and he went on to study at The University of Texas; and

WHEREAS, A gifted student and athlete, he played on the university's 1952 football team and participated in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program; John graduated in 1957 with a degree in mechanical engineering, and he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force and was later accepted into Harvard Business School; and

WHEREAS, John worked for several years for the Western Company before beginning a long and successful career of more than three decades in the securities industry; over the course of his career, he gained valuable experience working for a number of different firms in places like San Antonio and Dallas, and he came to be regarded as a trusted expert and a respected leader in his field; and

WHEREAS, John served in multiple of executive and leadership roles at firms in the industry and in professional

organizations, and he retired from his career in the securities industry in 1999; guided by his natural talent for business and his entrepreneurial spirit, John was instrumental in underwriting Clear Channel Communications, CCU; he served with distinction as director of the successful, multimillion-dollar company until 2008, when it was sold to an investment group; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his rewarding professional endeavors, John delighted in traveling with his family to visit Pecos and on skiing and quail-hunting trips; among his favorite pastimes, he enjoyed golfing and congregating with his closest friends at Rivercrest Country Club in Fort Worth, and he was a founding member of the Arlington Heights Cribbage Club; during the holiday season, John took great care in preparing his specialty pecans, which he delivered and shipped to his many friends around the globe; and

WHEREAS, John was an adoring father to his three children, whom he shared with Suzanne Smith, his first wife and a cherished friend and companion in his later years; he was blessed to enjoy 27 years of marriage with his beloved second wife, the late Anne McLean, until the time of her passing in 2012, and he treasured his grandchildren and his many loving extended family members; and

WHEREAS, John's wisdom, warmth, and determined spirit were a source of strength and comfort to his family and countless friends, and he leaves behind an inspiring legacy and many precious memories that will be forever treasured by his loved ones and by all who were privileged to know him and to share in

his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of John Hamshire Williams; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Williams.