By: Cole H.R. No. 19

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Dr. David L. Williams Jr., an esteemed member of the Austin community, passed away on September 13, 2026, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, The son of the Reverend David L. Williams Sr. and Naomi Singleton Williams, David Williams was born in Washington, D.C., on August 14, 1935; he received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the District of Columbia Teachers College, and after teaching in the D.C. public schools for seven years and working for the federal government, he earned a master's degree and a doctorate in education from the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams taught at the University of Nebraska in the department of elementary education and at the Institute for Ethnic Studies, then accepted a position in Austin as director of the early childhood division of the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory; over the course of his long and distinguished tenure at SEDL, he authored numerous publications and regularly conducted workshops for parents, schools, and university faculty throughout the country; he also served as a member of the editorial board of *The Journal of At-Risk Issues*, as chair of the Commission on Family Ties for the Association of Teacher Educators, and as secretary and treasurer for the Families as Educators Special Interest Group of the American Education Research Association; he also served on advisory groups for the Austin

Independent School District and Austin Community College; following his retirement from SEDL as vice president of the program for refining educational partnerships, he continued to consult with government education agencies and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, While the passing of David Williams brings great sadness to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 90th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. David L. Williams Jr. and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Dr. Gloria L. Williams; to his daughters, Cheryl Creuzot and her husband, Percy, Donna Lindsay, Andrea Williams-Hart, Davida Allen and her husband, Curtis, and Wanda Williams; to his seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and to his other family members and friends; and, be it further

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