

SHORT TITLE: Praising the accomplishments of Joseph H. Williams;
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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 61

By: Cullison and Williams
(Penny) of the Senate

and

Johnson (Glen) and Johnson
(Rob) of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution praising the many accomplishments of Joseph H. Williams; extending best wishes upon his retirement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Joseph Hill Williams was born on June 2, 1933 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the son of David R. and Martha H. Williams. He attended Saint Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, and graduated from Yale University in 1956. He later received an honorary Master's degree from Yale University and an honorary Doctorate in Humanities from Phillips University. After serving as Platoon Leader and Artillery Officer in the U.S. Army while stationed in Germany from 1956 to 1958, he began his career in the private sector as a Timekeeper with the Williams Brothers Company Domestic Construction Division; and

WHEREAS, following a subsequent assignment in the Engineering Division, Joseph H. Williams was transferred to the Overseas Construction Division in Iran in 1961 as an Assistant Superintendent. In the ensuing seven years as a resident of Iran, he rose to the position of Resident Manager which he held for four years. In 1968 he returned to the United States to become Executive Vice President of the Williams Companies and in 1969 was elected as a Director for Williams Brothers Company. In 1971, he was promoted to the office of President and Chief Operating Officer. On January

1, 1979, he became the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. From 1994 until the present Joseph H. Williams served as Chairman of the Board. The Williams Company, under the leadership of Joseph H. Williams, went from a \$57 million company in 1971 to a \$2.4 billion company in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Joseph H. Williams, in addition to being a Director of the Williams Companies, Inc., and several other industrial and civic organizations, is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Business Council, and the Yale Institute for Biospheric Studies External Advisory Board. He has served as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and as a Fellow of the Yale Corporation. He is a former Chairman of the Metropolitan Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and former Chairman of the Oklahoma Nature Conservancy, Chairman of the Advisory Council for the George Miksch Sutton Avian Research Center, a Director of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, Chairman of the Committee of 200, and former Chairman of the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and

WHEREAS, Joseph H. Williams and his wife, Terry, live in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has three sons, Joseph H. Jr., Peter B. and James C. as well as two stepchildren, Margot T. Ross and Jennifer B. Ross. He is an avid outdoorsman and has been involved in numerous conservation projects in Oklahoma. He has served as a former Chairman of the National Forum on "Growth with Environmental Quality?" Besides his hobby as a naturalist, his hobbies also include hunting, fishing, photography and golf. As an avid golfer, Joseph H. Williams is a member of the Augusta National Golf Club, Castle Pines Golf Club, Golf Club of Oklahoma and Southern Hills Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Joseph H. Williams has been honored as the 1973 Tulsa Press Club Headliner; received the Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1982; was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1988; received the National

Petroleum Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award in 1990; was the First Recipient of the Junior Achievement Business Excellence Award in 1991; named to the Pipeliners' Hall of Fame - "Men of Achievement in the Pipeline Industry" in 1992; awarded the Yale Medal also in 1992; and in 1993 won both the Chevron Conservation Award and the Great Entrepreneurs Award from Southwestern CEO Council. He was also active in the public sector, supporting the passage of HB 1017 to reform education in the State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises the many accomplishments of Joseph H. Williams.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature wishes Joseph H. Williams well upon his retirement from the Williams Companies, Inc.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Joseph H. Williams at his retirement ceremony on May 5, 1994, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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