

House Resolution 248

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th and Tanner of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Linda Williams; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Linda Williams on August 8, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams, a devoted and enterprising woman, served as long-time
5 president of the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a woman of conviction and courage, Mrs. Williams never ceased in her efforts
7 to improve her community through her hard work and unwavering positivity even when she
8 was battling cancer; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was hired as the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce's
10 information specialist in 1996 and was selected as president of the organization in 1999 when
11 she began fostering an environment for economic prosperity; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was united in love and marriage to the chamber's former vice
13 president of travel and tourism, Marty Williams, who recalls meeting his wife days before she
14 turned 16 and being struck by "love at first sight"; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Williams were blessed with two daughters, Khristie Williams and
16 Angela Lackey, and two cherished granddaughters, Kayla Lackey and Rebecca McArthur;
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams spoke at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life kickoff
19 in Dawson County in January, 2010, where she shared her story of surviving cancer,
20 encouraged those with afflicted with the disease, and challenged the community to join them
21 in the fight; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was an avid supporter of local veterans and a role model for
23 women breaking into the work force; and

24 WHEREAS, she spoke at Featherbone Communiversity in Gainesville, Georgia, in March,
25 2009, as part of a program for female entrepreneurs where she encouraged the members of
26 her audience to reach above and beyond women's traditional occupations; and

27 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
28 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life, she
29 made this world a better place in which to live.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Linda Williams and express
32 their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Linda
35 Williams.