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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Mahan*

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1           A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the  
2           accomplishments of Dr. Wilbur Williams.

3           *Whereas, Dr. Wilbur Williams is a professor of Biblical*  
4           *Literature and Archaeology at Indiana Wesleyan University in*  
5           *Marion, Indiana, and has taught for over 50 years;*

6           *Whereas, During his long and storied career, Dr. Williams*  
7           *has taught 17,250 students;*

8           *Whereas, Reflecting his outstanding teaching abilities, Dr.*  
9           *Williams has been elected "Professor of the Year," eight times*  
10          *by his students, most recently in 2009 and 2010;*

11          *Whereas, Dr. Williams has been active on Native American*  
12          *archaeological digs in this country but more active on*

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1 excavations in Israel and North Africa, including in such cities  
 2 as Arad, Aphek, Jerusalem, Carthage, Lachish, Megiddo,  
 3 Jezreel, and Hazor;

4 *Whereas, During the summer, Dr. Williams regularly takes*  
 5 *as many as four or five groups of people to tour the various*  
 6 *Bible lands or to do archaeological work; this year will mark*  
 7 *the 156th time he has been to Bible lands;*

8 *Whereas, Dr. Williams began his career in printing and*  
 9 *publishing, serving five years as the circulation manager of a*  
 10 *New York based newspaper with a circulation of 300,000;*

11 *Whereas, Dr. Williams has also served as the host of a daily*  
 12 *45-minute call-in radio show entitled "Action Line" aired on*  
 13 *the ABC station WGOM in Marion, where he was often called*  
 14 *"Marion's Paul Harvey";*

15 *Whereas, Dr. and Mrs. Williams left a lasting legacy to the*  
 16 *campus by donating the Williams Prayer Chapel and sculptures*  
 17 *of Jesus with students;*

18 *Whereas, The chapel is designed to provide a place of*  
 19 *solitude for students to experience a moment of peace with the*  
 20 *Lord amidst their busy schedules;*

21 *Whereas, In recognition of his dedicated service, Dr.*  
 22 *Williams was honored by former Governor Mitch Daniels as a*  
 23 *"Distinguished Hoosier" and by the Ministry of Tourism in*  
 24 *Israel, which presented him with a sterling silver copy of a*  
 25 *1585 map of the world when it was thought that Jerusalem was*  
 26 *the center of the universe; and*

27 *Whereas, Dr. Wilbur Williams has dedicated his life to filling*  
 28 *the world with knowledge and helping others reach their*  
 29 *loftiest goals: Therefore,*

30 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
 31 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

32 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes  
 33 the many contributions of Dr. Wilbur Williams to his university, his



1 community, and his state.

2 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
3 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Wilbur  
4 Williams and his family.

