

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 102

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A RESOLUTION to recognize John Williams on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, John Williams of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is one such estimable individual, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, after thirty-nine years of federal service, Mr. Williams will now enjoy a much deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, raised in Memphis, Tennessee, John Williams attended Grambling University, Christian Brothers, and the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, before beginning his rich and illustrious career with the Federal Aviation Administration in 1977, Mr. Williams dedicated five years of government service to the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams embarked upon his career with the FAA when he was initially hired into the Electronics Installation Group, and spent the first seven years of his career excelling as a design engineer and as a manager of field installation crews for Air Traffic Towers and Enroute ARTCC complex systems; and

WHEREAS, with his strong work ethic and determination, Mr. Williams took charge of the FAA Technical Inspection Program in Atlanta, Georgia, and for the next five years, he traveled over the entire Southern Regional area, skillfully evaluating and inspecting Management/Technical Control Towers and Enroute Air Traffic Control Centers; and

WHEREAS, leaving an indelible mark on the history of aviation, John Williams was selected in 1992 to become the youngest FAA Sector Manager in St. Louis, Missouri, and only

two years later he landed the position of Operations Manager in Kansas City, Missouri; Mr. Williams returned to his childhood home in late 1999 to become the Assistant Sector Management Manager; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, this remarkable and accomplished gentleman became the District Manager for the Memphis ARTCC District, which involves the management of several major airports in Tennessee, Missouri, and Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity who embodies the best of his community, John Williams has distinguished himself by volunteering in the Memphis community; he has devoted his time and support to the Equal Employee Opportunity Counsel, as well as serving as the Memphis-Shelby County Regional Combined Federal Campaign Manager; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams also contributed his efforts and numerous talents to the National Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees, the Memphis City Adopt-A-School Program, and with the FAA Aviation Career Programs by mentoring various high school students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, John Williams has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Mr. John Williams our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, reflecting upon his distinguished career with the FAA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.