

1 [Commending the late Reggie Williams]

2 **COMMENDING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LATE REGGIE WILLIAMS.**

3 WHEREAS, Reggie Williams founded the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention,  
4 the first federally funded AIDS service organization addressing AIDS prevention amongst  
5 African American men; and

6 WHEREAS, During a time when few resources were allocated to communities of color,  
7 Reggie fought courageously to secure funding and resources to serve the culturally specific  
8 needs of communities of color in general and the African American community in particular;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In addition, Reggie advocated on behalf of the African American  
11 community to make existing AIDS prevention organizations accessible and responsive; and

12 WHEREAS, Reggie also sought to combat homophobia within communities of color  
13 and other cultural and religious barriers that was impeding progress in AIDS educational work;  
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15 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams also founded "Black and White Men Together" which not only  
16 provided a social setting where Men of different backgrounds could meet, but also to combat  
17 racism in the white gay community and homophobia in communities of color; and

18 WHEREAS, Black and White Men Together expanded to over 27 chapters nationwide  
19 and was instrumental in raising awareness of the AIDS crisis and the dire need for prevention  
20 education to the mainstream of African American community; and

21 WHEREAS, Reggie was invited by the National Southern Christian Leadership  
22 Conference, the Urban League, and the Black Caucus to address AIDS crisis in the African  
23 American community; and

24 WHEREAS, Reggie Williams emigrated to Amsterdam, Netherlands because his lover,  
25 Wolfgang Schreiber was denied entry to United States because of his positive HIV status; and

1           WHEREAS; In Amsterdam, Reggie founded the Yours In Struggle Project to document  
2 and disseminate the contributions of gays and lesbians of African descent and their  
3 contributions to the fight against the epidemic; and

4           WHEREAS; Reggie Williams passed away on Sunday, February 7 of AIDS related  
5 complications at the age of 47; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
7 hereby honor the memory of Reggie Williams and his achievements; and let it be

8           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors salute Reggie Williams in his  
9 tireless struggle to uphold the dignity, sanctity, and worth of the human spirit against  
10 prejudice, and against overwhelming odds and his boundless compassion which embraced all  
11 communities.

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Resolution

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Resolution commending the life and achievement of the late Reggie Williams.

February 22, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 22, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

[Handwritten signature of Gloria L. Young]

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

[Handwritten signature of Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.]

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.