

By Representative Morroni

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution in commemoration of Bill Williams.

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4 WHEREAS, Bill Williams, former president of the  
5 Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida, Inc. (FMO),  
6 a consumer advocacy association, died September 22, 1998, at  
7 his home in Deerfield Lakes, Coconut Creek, Florida, after a  
8 short battle with cancer, and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams had served as an officer of the  
10 association for the past 19 years and as president of the  
11 association since 1991 and was in the first year of his fourth  
12 term as president when he passed away, and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was a tireless advocate on behalf  
14 of manufactured and mobile home owners around the state and  
15 country and lobbied and testified on their behalf in  
16 legislative hearings on issues such as the insurance crisis  
17 that resulted from the damage inflicted by Hurricane Andrew  
18 and in congressional subcommittee hearings on the significant  
19 services portion of the over-age-55 exemption to the Fair  
20 Housing Law, and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams also served on the Council of  
22 American Building Officials Board and the National  
23 Manufactured Home Advisory Council from 1992-1998, and

24 WHEREAS, before he retired in 1988, Mr. Williams served  
25 as a National League umpire for 26 years, during which time he  
26 served for 8 years as secretary-treasurer for the National  
27 League Umpire Association, served on the Umpire Association  
28 Negotiating Team, represented the Commissioner of Baseball at  
29 the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, traveled with several  
30 U.S.O. tours visiting military bases and hospitals, and was an  
31 instructor at the Umpire Development School, and

1           WHEREAS, for his many accomplishments as an umpire, Mr.  
2 Williams was inducted into the Union County Hall of Fame and  
3 the Shore Umpires Association Hall of Fame, both of New  
4 Jersey, and

5           WHEREAS, making use of humorous anecdotes from his  
6 career in baseball also made Mr. Williams a popular spokesman  
7 for Delta Air Lines in the 1980's, and

8           WHEREAS, in addition to his membership in the FMO, Mr.  
9 Williams was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Elks Club,  
10 Toastmasters of America, and Civil War Reenactors of America,  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, Fran;  
13 two children, William George and Diane Marie; six  
14 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren, NOW, THEREFORE,

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16 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
17 Florida:

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19           That the Florida House of Representatives honors Bill  
20 Williams, in memoriam, for his service and many  
21 accomplishments in this state and around the country on behalf  
22 of the sport of baseball, on behalf of manufactured and mobile  
23 home owners, and on behalf of the airline industry.

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution,  
25 with the Seal of the Florida House of Representatives affixed,  
26 be presented to Mrs. Fran Williams as a tangible token of the  
27 esteem held by the Florida House of Representatives.

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