

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING EDWARD F. WILLIAMS, III
SPONSORED BY: COMMISSIONER HEIDI SHAFER

WHEREAS, Edward F. Williams, III passed from this life in Shelby County, Tennessee on September 29, 2013 at the age of seventy eight; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams, one of our county's leading citizens, served with distinction as Shelby County Historian and as a former Shelby County Commissioner and Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was appointed County Historian through the Shelby County Historical Commission in 1994, as the Commission's second historian since the position's inception in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams had a lifelong love of local history and was regarded as a history hero, due to his extensive and astute knowledge in working to preserve Shelby County's heritage; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. Williams, III served as a member of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners from 1978 to 1994 and held positions in the County Trustee's and Assessor's offices immediately thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was appointed as the county environmental coordinator in January 1995; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams also served in the Tennessee Legislature as a member of the House of Representatives from 1971 through 1978 and sponsored and helped win approval of some of Tennessee's first environmental laws, including the State Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. Williams, III attended East High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical engineering from Auburn University before earning a Master's degree from then-Memphis State University in 1974; Mr. Williams also served three years in the United States Air Force, reaching the rank of captain; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams mirrored the high ethical standards of his profession, and is deeply missed by his family, friends, and colleagues, and his contributions to his profession, and to the rich legacy of Shelby County, Tennessee, will long be remembered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Edward F. Williams, III, and express gratitude for his service to Mr. Williams' family, including his devoted wife of fifty three years, Mrs. Sue Williams, as well as their beloved children Cecile Leggett and Alex Williams, and four amazing grandchildren.