Resolution



A Celebration of Life

A Resolution in Loving Memory of

Roy H. Williams

We honor the life of Mr. Roy H. Williams, a war veteran, a lifelong advocate for civil rights, and a friend to the community. Mr. Williams began fighting for equal rights when he was only a young child in his hometown of Longview, Texas. He continued that fight when he would later protest segregated lunch counters across East Texas as a teenager.

From the very beginning, Roy H. Williams was committed to giving the minority community a voice and courageously fought for equal representation. Mr. Williams came to Dallas, Texas in the 1970's and joined forces with other local activists in the 1980's. Together, Roy H. Williams and Marvin Crenshaw were the plaintiffs in a lawsuit that ended at-large elections on the Dallas City Council. Winning this lawsuit opened up local politics to all communities in Dallas.

Mr. Williams was recognized for his community service and efforts as a civil rights leader including being a member of D Magazine's list "50 People Who Made Dallas." The legacy Mr. Williams helped shape continues to open doors for individuals who were traditionally under-represented.

Roy Williams will be missed but he will always be with us. We will remember him with gratitude as his messages of peace and equality will not be forgotten. Cherish the memories as he would want you to remember that life is to be embraced and lived to the fullest. He will be dearly missed.

Respectfully submitted on the 14th day of April, 2017.

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