

RESOLUTION 2006 - 156

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING JUDGE ROBERT E. WILLIAMS FOR HIS THIRTY-EIGHT (38) YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH INCLUDES SERVING AS THE NASSAU COUNTY JUDGE FOR TWENTY-TWO (22) YEARS.

WHEREAS, upon graduation from Emory University, Robert "Bob" Williams served for four (4) years as a teacher in the Nassau County School System; and

WHEREAS, during his four (4) year tenure as a teacher, he was recognized as Hilliard Teacher of the Year for two (2) consecutive years, Nassau County Teacher of the Year, and was the first runner-up as Florida Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from the University of Florida Law School, he switched career tracks and entered the legal profession as an Assistant State Attorney for Nassau County, where he served for twelve (12) years from 1972 to 1984; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, he was elected and continued to serve until the present time as the only County Judge in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Judge Williams has not only served as County Judge for twenty-two (22) years, but he has had no opposition for re-election in those twenty-two (22) years; and

WHEREAS, he was the founder and Judge of the Nassau County Teen Court; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his judicial duties, Judge Williams was an active participant in the Nassau County community serving as President of the Nassau County Bar Association, the Teachers' Association, the Legal Aid Society, United Way, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and serving on the Boards of Micah's Place, FCCJ, the Florida Conference of County Judges, the Nassau County Association for Retarded Citizens, and the Governor's HRS Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, as a representative of the true Renaissance Man that he is, Judge Williams was also an active member of the Amelia Community Theatre, and served as a member of the Optimist Club of Fernandina Beach, the Rotary Club of Hilliard, Nassau County's Domestic Violence Task Force, and the Neighborhood Youth Crime Prevention Program; and

WHEREAS, Judge Williams is held in the highest esteem by all the citizens of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Judge Williams has announced his retirement as County Judge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 30th day of October, 2006, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

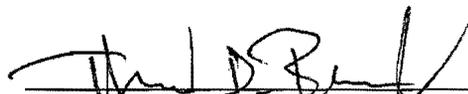
1. The Board hereby commends Judge Robert E. Williams for his thirty-eight (38) years of dedicated service to the citizens of Nassau County, including twenty-two (22) years as the only sitting County Court Judge in Nassau County.

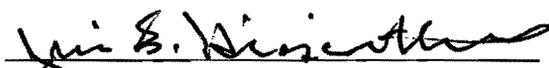
2. The Board, on behalf of all the citizens of Nassau County, acknowledges and honors Judge Williams for his unequalled integrity and ethical standards as County Judge.

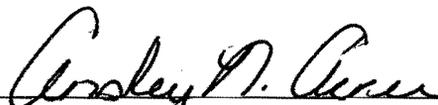
3. The Board honors Judge Williams for his outstanding leadership in working with the youth of our community.

4. The Board, on behalf of all the citizens of Nassau County, says thank you Judge for your dedicated service and for being a role model for all of us.

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