



## Republican National Committee

### Counsel's Office

#### **RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF RICHARD WILLIAMSON**

WHEREAS, On December 8, 2013, the Republican National Committee and the Illinois Republican Party lost a dear friend and colleague in the passing of Richard Williamson, National Committeeman for Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Richard Williamson served three presidents in various senior policy positions, including Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs; Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations; Ambassador to the United Nations for Political Affairs; Ambassador to the United Nations Committee on Human Rights; and Presidential Special Envoy to Sudan; and

WHEREAS, Richard Williamson ably served the last two Republican candidates for President as a chief foreign policy advisor with wisdom, insights and passion; and

WHEREAS, Richard Williamson, in his various roles, promoted democracy and human rights around the world, and worked to prevent genocide and crimes against humanity; and

WHEREAS, Richard Williamson believed in supporting democratic values around the world so as to advance American interests and further believed American interests would be damaged if values are ignored when dealing in international affairs; and

WHEREAS, Richard Williamson was a greatly respected author of more than 180 articles and eight books, most recently *America's Mission in the World: Principals, Practices, and Predicaments*, as well as the editor of three books; and

WHEREAS, Richard Williamson held many roles outside of government, including Vice Chairman of the Board of the International Republican Institute, for whom he traveled to hazardous locations, including Afghanistan, Cambodia, the Congo, Libya and Sudan; Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution; affiliations with the Chicago Council of Global Affairs and the Center for New American Security; and Board Member of Freedom House; and

WHEREAS, Richard Williamson also served as Chairman of the Illinois Republican Party from 1999 to 2001; and

WHEREAS, Richard Williamson was a loving and devoted husband, father of three children and grandfather of one; therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee recognizes and honors Richard Williamson for his extraordinary achievements as a scholar, diplomat, author, and public servant; and

RESOLVED, That the Republican National Committee sincerely commends the life of an extraordinary American and Republican, Richard Williamson, and expresses its heartfelt condolences to the entire Williamson family.

*\*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on January 24, 2014.*