

Resolution of the RICE ENGINEERING ALUMNI

Whereas

William L. Wilson, Jr. 1943 – 2009

known to generations of students as "Dr. Bill", served Rice University as professor of electrical engineering from 1972 to 2006, and as resident associate of Wiess College from 1978 to 2006;
and

Whereas in his 34 years as a member of the Rice faculty, Dr. Bill exemplified the full range of excellence in his profession: accomplished researcher, award-winning teacher, educational innovator, respected advocate, dedicated contributor to university governance, trusted academic advisor, passionate supporter of student theater and music, and patient counselor to student organizations; *and*

Whereas in his 28 years at Wiess College, Dr. Bill was the model of a resident associate in the college system: friend to all, judgmental of none, always accessible, alertly empathetic, unfailingly involved, a selfless contributor to and chronicler of college life, tireless organizer, indulgent neighbor, valued mentor, and beloved friend; *and*

Whereas for three decades of Rice graduates, Dr. Bill was a living link who connected students and alumni to Rice, to his department, to Wiess, and to each other;

Therefore be it resolved that the Rice Engineering Alumni hereby express their grateful admiration for the life of Bill Wilson, and offer this resolution as a solemn tribute to his memory.

On behalf of the REA:

George W. Webb III (Wiess '88, '91)
Rice Engineering Alumni Board of Directors
January 28th, 2009

*Presented at Wiess College to family and friends of Dr. Bill Wilson
January 31st, 2009*