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## Patron—Freitas

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter E. Williams, John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics at George Mason University and prolific author and commentator, was awarded the Bradley Prize from the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Bradley Prize was bestowed upon Dr. Williams for his years of advocacy for liberty and free markets, efforts that support the principles and mission of the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation; Dr. Williams was one of four recipients of the award in 2017, which includes a stipend of \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams has dedicated nearly four decades to economic scholarship and education at George Mason University in Fairfax, inspiring young men and women of the Commonwealth with his intellect and ideas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams has been influential beyond Virginia, authoring over 150 scholarly publications, 10 books, and a syndicated weekly column carried by approximately 140 newspapers and websites; appearing as a regular commentator on various national radio and television programs; and giving expert testimony before Congressional committees on issues such as labor policy, taxation, and spending; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams' standing on numerous advisory boards, including the Cato Institute, Landmark Legal Foundation, Institute of Economic Affairs, and Heritage Foundation, and his many past fellowships and awards are further testament to the profound impact he has had on the intellectual and political life of our country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dr. Walter E. Williams, John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics at George Mason University and noted public scholar, for receiving the Bradley Prize from the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation in 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Walter E. Williams as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth and the nation.