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# Board of Education of Harford County

## PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ON

# Dr. Percy V. Williams

November 23, 2009



**WHEREAS**, the death of Dr. Percy V. Williams on November 14, 2009, has caused a profound sense of loss to our school community, the County, and the State, as well as to his family, friends, colleagues, and all who knew him; and

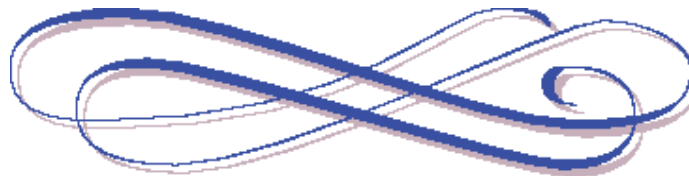
**WHEREAS**, Dr. Williams was born in rural Perryman, Maryland, attended high school at what was then called the Elkton Colored High School in the 1930s; attended Bowie Normal School (now Bowie State University) for two years to become a teacher; and, while teaching at the old Havre de Grace Colored Elementary School, spent five summers attending Virginia State College, taking 12 to 16 credits each year to earn his bachelor's degree; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Percy Williams was a teacher, supervisor, principal, and state assistant superintendent of schools, served ten years as a member and two years as president of the Harford County Board of Education, served as president of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), and was a recipient of MABE's Charles W. Willis Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Williams worked throughout his career to eliminate racial or sexual discrimination in hiring/promotion practices, support those who were disadvantaged, and was a leader in the establishment of early childhood education as "the best dropout prevention program there is"; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution be entered in the minutes of this regular meeting of the Board of Education of Harford County; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this testimonial of condolence be offered to the family of our departed friend and public servant as our expression of deepest sympathy.



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*Leonard D. Wheeler, Ed.D., Board Vice President*

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*Kate Kidwell, Student Representative*