

By: Senator(s) Little, Johnson To: Rules
(38th), Horhn, Huggins, Frazier,
Harden, Dearing, Lee, Simmons,
Kirby, White (29th), Chaney,
Gordon, Farris, Posey, Furniss

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 503

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
2 MISSISSIPPI ETHICS COMMISSION'S LONGTIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RONALD
3 E. (RON) CROWE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 18 YEARS OF
4 DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE.

5 WHEREAS, Ronald E. Crowe has announced he will retire from
6 his position as Executive Director of the Mississippi Ethics
7 Commission effective November 1, 2001; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Crowe has served as the Executive Director of
9 the Mississippi Ethics Commission since September 16, 1983. Prior
10 to his appointment as the Ethics Commission's Executive Director,
11 Mr. Crowe served in various positions with the State Tax
12 Commission and as the Assistant Director of the PEER Committee.
13 Mr. Crowe has served 36 consecutive years with the State of
14 Mississippi; and

15 WHEREAS, Walter Brown, Chairman of the Mississippi Ethics
16 Commission, has lauded Ron's legacy of public trust in state
17 government:

18 "Ron Crowe's service in state government has been exemplified
19 by sound judgment, firmness and impartiality. He has made the
20 Mississippi Ethics Commission an educational tool as well as a law
21 enforcement agency, and has given this agency a statewide
22 reputation for credibility and respect. In his 18 years as
23 Executive Director he has assisted hundreds of state and local
24 officials not only in carrying out the ethics laws, but in
25 affirmatively seeing that conflicts of interest not only can be
26 avoided, but that integrity in government is good public policy";
27 and

28 WHEREAS, a resident of Brandon, Mississippi, Ron Crowe is a
29 member of the American Society of Public Administration and the
30 international Council on Governmental Ethics Laws in which he has
31 served as recruiting chairman for the southeastern United States
32 and was a member of a committee which developed the "Model Ethics
33 Act"; and

34 WHEREAS, Ron is a graduate of the first class of the State
35 Executive Institute, he has been featured in numerous newspaper
36 articles regarding his work at the Ethics Commission and he is
37 fondly referred to by many people in and out of government circles
38 as "Mr. Ethics"; and

39 WHEREAS, a native of Columbus, Mississippi, Ron Crowe is
40 married to the former Karen Wilder of Columbus and they have two
41 sons: Shane and Kevin, who are both married; and

42 WHEREAS, government must have the trust of its citizens, and
43 Ron Crowe has often been called the "conscience of state
44 government" due to his longtime oversight of public trust and
45 public interest in Mississippi; and

46 WHEREAS, we are grateful for Ron's legacy of service in state
47 government:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
50 we do hereby commend and congratulate Mississippi Ethics
51 Commission's longtime Executive Director Ronald E. (Ron) Crowe on
52 the occasion of his retirement after 18 years of dedicated public
53 service, and wish he and his wife, Karen, the best as he returns
54 to private life.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to
56 Ron Crowe and his family, and be forwarded to the Mississippi
57 Ethics Commission, and be made available to the Capitol Press
58 Corps.