

By: Representatives Perkins, Clarke, Coleman To: Rules
(65th), Thomas, Whittington

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND
2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CALLESTYNE PERRY HALL-CRAWFORD AND EXPRESSING
3 DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HER PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Callestyne Perry Hall-Crawford, born July 2, 1961,
5 to Mary Hall and Benjamin Perry in Greenwood, Mississippi,
6 departed this earthly life on Friday, January 30, 2004, causing
7 great sorrow and loss to her family and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hall-Crawford, who confessed an early faith in
9 Christ, attended the Greenwood Public Schools, graduating with
10 honors in 1979 from Greenwood High School; and

11 WHEREAS, she furthered her education at Alcorn State
12 University, where she received her bachelor of science degree in
13 political science in 1983, and at the University of Mississippi
14 Law School, where she obtained her juris doctorate degree in 1986;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, embarking upon her professional career in law, Mrs.
17 Hall-Crawford gained employment with the North Mississippi Rural
18 Legal Services in 1986, where she served as managing attorney
19 until the office closed in 1996; and

20 WHEREAS, after the closing of the North Mississippi Rural
21 Legal Services, Mrs. Hall-Crawford opened her own practice and
22 later became public defender for Holmes County; and

23 WHEREAS, she became Greenwood's first black assistant city
24 attorney, serving from 1996-1997 and assumed her duties as the
25 city's public defender, which she held from 1997 until her
26 untimely passing; and

27 WHEREAS, described as a true friend and dedicated attorney
28 who was an inspiration to all, Mrs. Hall-Crawford was united in
29 holy matrimony to Larry Crawford on July 2, 1992, and to their
30 union two children were born; and

31 WHEREAS, ever committed to her religious faith and service of
32 others, Mrs. Hall-Crawford was a lifelong member of the Friendship
33 Missionary Baptist Church where she dedicated her life to God; and

34 WHEREAS, her other professional, social and civic
35 affiliations consisted of memberships in the following
36 organizations: the Mississippi Bar Association, the Leflore
37 County Bar Association, the Magnolia Bar Association, Alpha Kappa
38 Alpha Sorority, Inc., Order of the Eastern Star, Phi Alpha Delta
39 Legal Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and the Mississippi
40 Public Defender Association; and

41 WHEREAS, though her passing has caused great sorrow and
42 grief, the legacy of her memory will forever be cherished in the
43 hearts and memories of her survivors, including: her husband,
44 Larry Crawford; children, Steven Jay Crawford and Symone Joi
45 Crawford; a sister, Rhondalind Barcus, a stepsister, Stefenie Lott
46 and a cousin, Deborah Jackson; two brothers, George Lucas, Jr.,
47 and James Lucas; stepfather, George Lucas, Sr.; godmother,
48 Hermanell Mickey; four aunts; one uncle; and a host of other
49 relatives and friends; and

50 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend the
51 lives of such outstanding individuals as Mrs. Hall-Crawford, whose
52 life and services were monumental in making a positive influential
53 difference in the lives of those who knew her:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
55 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
56 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and accomplishments of
57 Mrs. Callestyne Perry Hall-Crawford and express deepest sympathy
58 to her family and friends upon her passing.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
60 furnished to Mr. Larry Crawford and to the members of the Capitol
61 Press Corps.