

By: The Entire Membership

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS
2 OF DR. CLINTON BRISTOW, JR., PRESIDENT OF ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY
3 AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS
4 PASSING.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr., who was named Alcorn State
6 University's 16th President on August 24, 1995, departed this
7 earthly life on Saturday, August 19, 2006, at the age of 57,
8 causing great sorrow and loss to his family, friends and to the
9 Alcorn campus; and

10 WHEREAS, committed to increasing the percentage of minority
11 students attending graduate and professional school and increasing
12 the public's awareness and appreciation of the value and
13 contributions to society by land-grant universities through their
14 research, extension programs and overall excellence, Dr. Bristow
15 labored diligently to promote the university's image and
16 marketability; and

17 WHEREAS, since becoming the university's president, Dr.
18 Bristow doubled the percentage of students attending graduate and
19 professional school, improved retention and established a faculty
20 research incentive program to enhance research in the life
21 sciences, where Alcorn is a national leader in the production in
22 African-American baccalaureate graduates; and

23 WHEREAS, equipped with his bachelor's, doctorate and law
24 degrees from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and a
25 master's degree in business administration from Governors State
26 University in University Park, Illinois, Dr. Bristow was a perfect
27 fit for Alcorn; and

28 WHEREAS, prior to becoming Alcorn's president, Dr. Bristow's
29 administrative experiences included having served as President of
30 the Chicago Board of Education, Dean of the College of Business at
31 Chicago State University and Vice President at Olive-Harvey
32 College in Chicago; and

33 WHEREAS, active in many organizations, he used his
34 affiliations and associations in such auxiliaries as Board of
35 Directors of National Associations of State Universities and
36 Land-Grant Colleges, Commission on Colleges - Southern Association
37 of Colleges and Schools, Southern Education Foundation, Inc.,
38 Capital Financing Board for HBCUs, the Congressional Award Board,
39 Mississippi Agriculture Museum and Mid-Delta Consortium to impact
40 the growth of Alcorn during his 11-year tenure; and

41 WHEREAS, the educational institution has suffered a
42 devastating loss, as well as the State of Mississippi and HBCUs
43 across the nation, as one of its great ambassadors of educational
44 viability has succumbed to an untimely demise; and

45 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend the
46 life of such a remarkable administrator, educator and champion of
47 education as Dr. Bristow, whose impact greatly enhanced the campus
48 of Alcorn State University:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
50 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
51 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life, legacy and
52 contributions of Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr., to Alcorn State
53 University, the State of Mississippi and the education arena
54 throughout the nation and abroad, and express our deepest sympathy
55 to his family and friends upon his passing.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
57 furnished to Alcorn State University, the family of Dr. Bristow
58 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.