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Gordon, Horhn, Dearing, Posey,
Butler, Turner, Walls, Thomas,
Jordan, Frazier, Jackson (11th),
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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 511

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND SERVICE TO
2 HIGHER EDUCATION OF ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT CLINTON
3 BRISTOW, JR., AND EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

4 WHEREAS, the untimely death of Alcorn State University
5 President Clinton Bristow, Jr., on Saturday, August 19, 2006, is a
6 loss to the students and faculty at the university and a
7 tremendous loss to higher education in the State of Mississippi;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Bristow had been President of the 3500-student
10 university since August 24, 1995. He succeeded the late Walter
11 Washington, who led the Lorman school 25 years, and probably could
12 have reached or exceeded that mark, given the respect of his
13 peers, his talents and his leadership role in this state; and

14 WHEREAS, founded in 1871, Alcorn State University is the
15 nation's first state-supported university for black students.
16 Under Dr. Bristow's leadership, Alcorn had increased the number of
17 students seeking professional degrees and had gained national
18 attention for a large number of Russian students; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Bristow will be remembered on campus and off
20 campus for his charisma. A powerful personality, he was
21 instrumental in positioning the rural university for a great
22 future in the 21st Century, primarily due to his leadership in
23 crafting a building plan with funds from the Ayers higher
24 education desegregation lawsuit. With such successes as a \$10.5
25 Million biotechnology building on the Lorman campus, he believed
26 his school could double its enrollment and expand course offerings

27 in Natchez and Vicksburg, while also enhancing ties with Hinds
28 Community College and Mississippi State University; and

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Bristow was active in many professional and
30 civic organizations. He was a member of the Board of Directors of
31 National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges
32 (NASULGC), Commission on Colleges - Southern Association of
33 Colleges and Schools (SACS), Southern Education Foundation, Inc.,
34 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the College Board
35 - New York, National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher
36 Education (NAFEO), Capital Financing Board for HBCUs, the
37 Congressional Award Board, Mississippi Agriculture Museum and the
38 Mid-Delta Consortium. He was chair of the 1890s Council of
39 Presidents and Chancellors (NASULGC), past-President of the
40 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC), past-President of the
41 Presidents' Council, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Education
42 and past-President of the Mississippi Association of Colleges.
43 While in Chicago, some of his activities included the Chicago Bar
44 Association, LaSalle Street Business Council, Beverly Area Local
45 Development Corporation, YMCA, Chicago Youth Success Foundation,
46 Kohl Children's Museum and Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in
47 Higher Education. His research efforts centered around the
48 historical and contemporary development of management theory as it
49 applies to-profit and not-for-profit organizations; and

50 WHEREAS, before becoming President of Alcorn State
51 University, Dr. Bristow's administrative experiences included
52 having served as President of the Chicago Board of Education, Dean
53 of the College of Business at Chicago State University, and Vice
54 President at Olive-Harvey College in Chicago. Dr. Bristow held
55 B.A., J.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Northwestern University,
56 Evanston, Illinois, and the MBA from Governors State University,
57 University Park, Illinois. His publications and presentations are
58 a matter of record; and

59 WHEREAS, Dr. Bristow's legacy is a stronger university system
60 in Mississippi. His work was unfinished, but his influence will
61 remain, and for this and for a lifetime of selfless service, a
62 grateful Legislature and State thank him:

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
64 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
65 we do hereby commend the life and service to higher education of
66 Alcorn State University President Clinton Bristow, Jr., and
67 express to his surviving family and many friends and colleagues
68 the sympathy of the Legislature on his passing.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
70 the surviving family of Dr. Bristow, be forwarded to the Board of
71 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and be made
72 available to the Capitol Press Corps.