

By: Senator(s) Little

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 503

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND REMEMBERING
2 THE LEGACY OF ALCORN COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK LARRY W. MCCOLLUM AND
3 EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

4 WHEREAS, Larry W. McCollum, 65, Alcorn County Chancery Clerk
5 since 1988, died on Friday, April 20, 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, friends and associates are remembering Chancery
7 Clerk Larry McCollum as a cornerstone of county government and a
8 man who always had the public interest at heart; and

9 WHEREAS, Larry W. McCollum was educated at Kossuth High
10 School, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Mississippi State
11 University, Mississippi School of Banking-University of
12 Mississippi and the School of Banking of the South Louisiana State
13 University. He taught at Alcorn Central High School and at
14 Biggersville High School. He was Vice President of Security Bank
15 for 16 years and served as Alcorn County Chancery Clerk for 20
16 years. He was a member of East Corinth Baptist Church where he
17 taught Men's Class at Sunday School and was a Deacon. He was
18 Deputy Commissioner of the Soil Conservation Service and served as
19 Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Northeast
20 Mississippi Community College since 1980. He had served as past
21 President of the Corinth YMCA, the Corinth Kiwanis Club, the
22 Corinth-Alcorn County Boys Club, the N.E. Miss Chapter, Bank
23 Administration Institute and the Mississippi Chancery Clerk's
24 Association; and

25 WHEREAS, the former Alcorn Central High School and
26 Biggersville High School Teacher and Banker at Security Bank was
27 elected the same year that Senate President Pro Tempore Travis

28 Little was elected Supervisor, and the two worked closely in
29 county government; and

30 WHEREAS, Larry McCollum looked out for the people's interest
31 from every standpoint, whether it was public policy or personal
32 needs that people had. He was always interested in helping people
33 regardless of their status in life. Associates say that was
34 evident in his advocacy and support of projects such as Northeast
35 at Corinth and the Corinth Crisis Intervention Center, which
36 provides beds for mentally ill patients, remodeling of the
37 Chancery Building, the launch of the 911 system in Alcorn County
38 and the Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area. Larry was also the
39 "go-to" person for questions about county government; and

40 WHEREAS, he had received the following awards in 2006: the
41 Spirit of Service Award from the Corinth Alliance, the "Vocation
42 of the Year Award" and the "Paul Harris Fellow" Award, both from
43 the Corinth Rotary Club; and

44 WHEREAS, survivors include his wife, Myra Morton McCollum;
45 his mother, Rachel Rushing McCollum; one son, Chip McCollum of
46 Biggersville; two daughters, Katie (Rich) Vaughan Reeves of
47 Corinth, and Joanie Vaughan of Nashville, Tennessee; three
48 sisters; his special uncle and aunt; and a granddaughter; and

49 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we note the passing of this
50 public servant, and for his legacy of effective government and a
51 lifetime of selfless service, a grateful state thanks him:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
53 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
54 we do hereby commend the life and remember the legacy of Alcorn
55 County Chancery Clerk Larry W. McCollum and express to his
56 surviving family the sympathy of the Legislature on his passing.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
58 the surviving family of Mr. McCollum, be forwarded to the Alcorn
59 County Board of Supervisors and be made available to the Capitol
60 Press Corps.