

By: Senator(s) Hale, Butler (38th), Jackson To: Rules
(11th), Jackson (32nd), Stone

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 606

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE
2 DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE OF TATE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 FOUNDATION CITIZEN OF THE YEAR WAYNE CROCKETT ON THE OCCASION OF
4 HIS RETIREMENT AS TATE COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK AND FOR 28 YEARS OF
5 COURTHOUSE SERVICE.

6 WHEREAS, for the last 28 years, Wayne Crockett has been a
7 fixture at Tate County court offices in downtown Senatobia,
8 Mississippi. The longtime Chancery Clerk, who has served since
9 1999, has announced his retirement effective December 31; and

10 WHEREAS, born in Thyatira, Crockett, the son of Leroy and
11 Genevieve Crockett, was raised in Independence and attended
12 Independence High School (IHS), where he was named Mr. IHS, Best
13 Athlete, and Most Handsome. After high school, Crockett took
14 courses at Northwest Mississippi Community College, the University
15 of Mississippi and Mississippi State University. He eventually
16 returned to Tate County and began a 27-year career with Chromcraft
17 as a tool and die maker; and

18 WHEREAS, a 28-year Tate County Courthouse veteran, Crockett
19 followed in his father's footsteps when it came to serving his



20 county. His father put in 24 years as a County Supervisor,
21 serving as President for many of those years; and

22 WHEREAS, Wayne Crockett first spent 12 years as both the
23 county's Property Assessor and Tax Collector before he was elected
24 as the county's Chancery Court Clerk in 1999. After 16 years in
25 that position, he is not running for reelection; and

26 WHEREAS, Crockett certainly succeeded in improving the level
27 of efficiency and convenience provided to the public upon taking
28 up his courthouse duties. In order to accommodate factory workers
29 who many times only had their lunch break to get errands done,
30 Crockett began keeping the courthouse open during the lunch hour.
31 Other improvements during his tenure: combining all Senatobia and
32 Coldwater taxes with county taxes so the courthouse could be a
33 one-stop-shop for citizens; mailing out renewal cards for car tags
34 and tax statements so taxpayers would know how much they owed
35 before coming to the courthouse to pay; and began collecting
36 delinquent taxes for Senatobia, along with those he collected for
37 the county. As if he did not have enough on his plate as Chancery
38 Clerk, Crockett has also been Secretary for the Tate County Board
39 of Supervisors, County Treasurer, County Auditor, and has been
40 appointed by the court to tend to financial and health decisions
41 of a number of individuals in the community; and

42 WHEREAS, Wayne Crockett was honored as the Tate County
43 Economic Development Foundation's (EDF) Citizen of the Year at the



EDF's Annual Banquet, March 2, 2015, at the Haraway Center on the Northwest Community College Campus; and

WHEREAS, Crockett, a Looxahoma resident, is married to Shirley, and they have two children, Billy and Beth; three grandchildren: Nathan, Nick and Leigh; and two great-grandchildren, Gabriel and Hallie. Crockett is a longtime member of the Rotary Club and of Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church. In his free time, he said he can be found helping his son tend to his cattle. When asked what he has loved about residing in Tate County all these years, he said it all comes down to history. "My family settled in Tate County, and I just feel like Tate County is a big part of who I am"; and it is with great pride that we pay tribute to a wonderful example for public servants, with a record of achievement and a legacy of leadership and dedication to all in Tate County and in the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize and commend the dedicated public service of Wayne Crockett on the occasion of his retirement as Tate County Chancery Clerk and for 28 years of courthouse service, and extend to Wayne and his family the best wishes of the Legislature for future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Tate County Chancery Clerk Wayne Crockett, forwarded to the Tate



68 County Board of Supervisors, and made available to the Capitol
69 Press Corps.

