

By: Senator(s) Burton, Barnett, Caughman,
Blackwell, Blount, Chassaniol, Dearing,
Fillingane, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd),
Watson

To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 530

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE
2 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF LONGTIME DEPUTY
3 ATTORNEY GENERAL LARRY EDMOND CLARK OF BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI, AND
4 COMMENDING HIS LIFE OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO HIS STATE.

5 WHEREAS, Larry Clark lived a life of integrity and was a
6 perfect example of a public servant. He passed away on July 10,
7 2017; and

8 WHEREAS, Larry was born October 4, 1947, the second of three
9 sons of John Smith Clark and Mamie Craft Clark of Mize, Smith
10 County, Mississippi. Larry attended Taylorsville High where he
11 was a promising football quarterback; McCallie School in
12 Chattanooga, Tennessee; and graduated from Ellisville High School
13 in 1965. At Millsaps College, Larry was a member and officer of
14 Kappa Alpha Order. He graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts
15 Degree in Political Science and then attended the University of
16 Mississippi School of Law where he was a member of Moot Court,
17 graduating in 1972. After active duty training in the United
18 States Army Reserve, he returned to Smith County to practice law;
19 and



20 WHEREAS, the Smith County School Board retained Larry as
21 attorney, setting him on a career-long path of interest and
22 expertise in education and county government. Several of Larry's
23 cases, including *Tally v. Smith County Board of Supervisors*, went
24 to the Mississippi Supreme Court. The publicity from those
25 successful cases led to the passage of important legislation by
26 the Legislature in 1978, which protected the sixteenth section
27 trust lands from many abuses; and

28 WHEREAS, in 1988, Larry took a position as an Assistant
29 Attorney General for Mike Moore. Larry remained with the AG's
30 office for more than 12 years, heading the Opinions section,
31 representing the State Auditor, Department of Audit, and the
32 Mississippi Ethics Commission, before rising to the position of
33 Deputy Attorney General over civil matters. Larry embodied a
34 public servant. He mentored hundreds of young attorneys. After
35 retirement from state employment, Larry practiced law for several
36 years with Watkins Ludlam and then Purdie & Metz Law Firm, where
37 he returned to his passion, public education, representing the
38 Simpson County School Board; and

39 WHEREAS, Larry had a strong and abiding faith and was a
40 longtime member of Northminster Baptist Church, where he often
41 taught Sunday School. Larry was deeply, deeply loved by his
42 family and his many, many friends. Larry was predeceased by his
43 parents; his dear aunt and uncle, Polly and Charles Clark; and his
44 father-in-law, Eugene Polk. He is survived by his wife, Judy; and



45 his daughters: Anne Clark Crader (Chris), Brynna Clark (Johnny
46 DeMarsico) and Lauren Clark Ziegler (Alex). He was the proud
47 grandfather of Benton Crader and Abigail Crader. He is also
48 survived by his brothers and sisters-in-law: John, Janet, Eric
49 and Karan; mother-in-law, Edith Polk; brother-in-law, Brinson
50 Polk; sister-in-law, Sherrye Polk Brame; 10 nieces and nephews;
51 and 10 great-nieces and great-nephews; and

52 WHEREAS, Larry consistently lectured on professional
53 standards of the practice, including ethics, integrity, civility,
54 courtesy and adherence to the Golden Rule. Larry's life honored
55 both The Mississippi Bar and this great state that he loved and
56 served:

57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
58 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That
59 we do hereby extend the condolences of the Mississippi Legislature
60 to the bereaved family of longtime Deputy Attorney General Larry
61 Edmond Clark of Brandon, Mississippi, and commend his life of
62 public service to this state.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
64 the surviving family of Larry Clark, forwarded to the Attorney
65 General, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

