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## 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.