

By: Representatives Watson,
Smith (27th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

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, Dr. Bristow labored diligently to promote the
11 university's image and marketability, as he remained committed to
12 transforming Alcorn into the educational and social epicenter of
13 southwest Mississippi and northeast Louisiana, ensuring that the
14 institution successfully evolved into a "Public Ivy"; and

15 WHEREAS, a visionary leader who challenged those around him,
16 particularly students, to accomplish as much as possible with an
17 assurance to benefit others with their success, Dr. Bristow
18 appropriately coined the term "ASU equals CEO" for the institution
19 he led with a deep-rooted passion; and

20 WHEREAS, having earned his bachelor of arts, Ph.D and juris
21 doctorate degrees from Northwestern University and his master of
22 arts degree in business administration from Governors State
23 University, Dr. Bristow was well equipped to lead Alcorn into the
24 wave of the future over the course of his 11 years as president;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, experienced in higher education administration prior
27 to his selection to lead Alcorn, Dr. Bristow, who formerly served
28 as President of the Chicago Board of Education, Dean of the

29 College of Business at Chicago State University and Vice President
30 at Olive-Harvey College in Chicago, used his ingenuity and
31 intuitiveness to inspire students, colleagues and those in his
32 employ to aspire for greatness; and

33 WHEREAS, active in many organizations, those professional,
34 civic and social in nature, he used his affiliations and
35 associations in such auxiliaries to catapult Alcorn ahead by
36 creating a legacy of growth and development as evidenced by his
37 role in spearheading one of the most comprehensive capital
38 improvement programs in the history of Mississippi, beneficial to
39 the entire region reflected by Alcorn's injection of more than
40 \$100 million in the local economy through campus projects over the
41 last decade; and

42 WHEREAS, the institution of Alcorn State University has
43 suffered a devastating loss, as well as the State of Mississippi
44 and HBCUs across the nation, as one of its great ambassadors of
45 educational viability has succumbed to an untimely demise; and

46 WHEREAS, though Dr. Bristow's immediate presence can no
47 longer be experienced, the impact of his tenured legacy will be
48 shared by all who grace the Alcorn campus or participate in any
49 program established under his systematic leadership; and

50 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend the
51 life of such a remarkable administrator, educator and champion of
52 education as Dr. Bristow, whose impact greatly enhanced the campus
53 of Alcorn State University and empowered the minds and dreams of
54 the institution's students and alumni:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
56 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
57 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life, legacy and
58 contributions of Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr., to Alcorn State
59 University, the State of Mississippi and the education arena
60 throughout the nation and abroad, and express our deepest sympathy
61 to his family and friends upon his passing.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
63 furnished to Alcorn State University, the family of Dr. Bristow
64 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.