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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE, LEGACY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. TERRANCE M. WRAY, A COMMUNITY LEADER AND BUSINESSMAN, AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

WHEREAS, Mr. Terrance Mitchell Wray, a multi-talented community and business leader, departed this earthly life on February 9, 2011, at the age of 55 to enter into eternal rest, causing great sorrow and loss to his family and many friends; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Tennessee, Mr. Wray was born on November 29, 1955, to his loving mother, Betty Ann Wray, who reared him in love; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Forrest High School in 1973, and knowing the importance of continuing his education, Mr. Wray earned a degree from the University of North Alabama and entered the workforce in Alabama and then Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wray, who was known for his infectious smile, established his roots in the metro Jackson area where he worked in local dealerships in the following automotive industries for more than 20 years: East Ford, Hallmark Toyota, East Holman Jaguar and Saab, Watson Quality Ford and Magee Ford; and

WHEREAS, while working in the automotive industries, Mr. Wray successfully climbed the corporate ladder as a sales person, finance manager and general manger, which speaks volumes of his dedication and zeal for ensuring that those he served were content and satisfied; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wray, as one who always wanted to assist others, in 2000, joined his beautiful wife, Rita Wray, in Wray Enterprises which is a multi-sector health services corporation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a leader in business, Mr. Wray was a leader in the community where he served in the following capacities: past President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Epsilon Lambda Chapter, past President of the St. Dominic Health Services, Inc., Advisory Board, past Vice President of the YMCA Reservoir Branch and past Vice President of 100 Black Men of America, Inc., Jackson, Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wray also devoted time to the Board of Directors of the Greater Jackson Arts Council, the Rankin County Republican Executive Committee, the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Peter Claver; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wray, a man with a pioneering spirit, also was the first African American to be elected President of the Rankin County Rotary Club where he truly exhibited the club's motto of "Service above Self; They Profit Most Who Serve Best"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wray, who made sure that he gave back to the community, worked diligently with children, especially those at Powell Middle School, to make sure that the youth had much needed opportunities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his volunteering in the community, Mr. Wray was also a God-fearing man who served in several capacities such as an usher, lector and community leader at St. Paul Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, throughout all of his endeavors, Mr. Wray was supported by his college sweetheart and loving wife of 34 years, Rita Wray, and their three successful children: Terrance Mitchell, Torrance Michael and Tamika Marchelle; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to commend the life of positive individuals such as Mr. Wray whose dedication to improving this state in both its community and business aspects

will continue to provide opportunities for future generations to come:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend the life and legacy of Mr. Terrance Mitchell Wray and express deepest sympathy to his family and friends upon his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to the family of Mr. Terrance M. Wray and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
February 28, 2011

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
March 2, 2011

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE