

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007

HCMR 1003

4  
5 By: Representatives Medley, Walters, Glidewell, Pennartz, R. Green, Breedlove, Overbey, Pyle, Wells,  
6 M. Martin, Edwards, House, L. Smith, Woods, Harris, Kenney  
7 By: Senators Altes, Whitaker, Wilkinson

8  
9  
10 **HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL**  
11 **RESOLUTION**

12 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MS. POLLY ANN WOOD CREWS  
13 AND IN RECOGNITION OF HER MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
14 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND HER LOCAL COMMUNITY.

15  
16 **Subtitle**

17 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MS. POLLY ANN  
18 WOOD CREWS AND IN RECOGNITION OF HER  
19 MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF  
20 ARKANSAS AND HER LOCAL COMMUNITY.

21  
22  
23 WHEREAS, Ms. Polly Ann Wood Crews, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, died on  
24 Sunday, April 9, 2006, at the age of seventy-six (76); and

25  
26 WHEREAS, Ms. Crews was a seventh-generation Arkansan and remarkable  
27 human being; and

28  
29 WHEREAS, her broadcasting career spanned over a period of thirty (30)  
30 years, and she was privileged to interview not only movie stars and  
31 celebrities but also three (3) presidents, George H. Bush, Bill Clinton, and  
32 George H. W. Bush; but her real passion was for the everyday people she met  
33 through her television and radio shows; and

34  
35 WHEREAS, Ms. Crews was appointed in 1996 by former Governor Jim Guy  
36 Tucker to the Department of Parks and Tourism and reappointed in 2002 by



1 former Governor Mike Huckabee; and received the Tourism Person of the Year  
2 award in 2002; and

3  
4 WHEREAS, former Governor Huckabee said of Ms. Crews, "Polly Crews was  
5 one of Arkansas' treasures, and her contributions to promoting Arkansas as a  
6 commissioner of Parks and Tourism will be greatly missed . . . Janet and I  
7 came to love her personally as one of the truly special people that have made  
8 the Natural State a wonderful place to live."; and

9  
10 WHEREAS, Richard Davies, executive director of the Department of Parks  
11 and Tourism, said, "[W]e called her the conscience of our commission . . . ";  
12 and after she pushed the department to build a cabin at a state park that was  
13 compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the state did so, and  
14 "named it for Polly", said Davies; and

15  
16 WHEREAS, Ms. Crews served for over twenty (20) years as the Director of  
17 the Fort Smith Arts Center, prompting the city to give her the Mayor Honors  
18 for the Visual and Performing Arts and the Spirit of the Frontier awards; and  
19 Mayor Ray Baker stated, "She was an exceptional individual . . . [s]he loved  
20 this city and she loved this state . . ."; and

21  
22 WHEREAS, Ms. Crews served on the advisory board for Project Compassion  
23 and the Fountain of Youth Adult Day Care; the Founding Board of Advisory for  
24 Fulfill a Dream; the American Cancer Society Board; the Special Learning  
25 Center Board; the Arkansas Commission of the National Museum of Women in the  
26 Arts; and was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas;  
27 and

28  
29 WHEREAS, Carolyn Pollan, a long-time close friend of Ms. Crews, said,  
30 "Arkansas lost one of her best ambassadors when Polly died."; and

31  
32 WHEREAS, Ms. Crews was preceded in death by a son, Stuart Curren Crews;  
33 her brother, Dr. Loui Bayne; her parents, Curren Wood and Pauline Wood; and  
34 her stepmother, Carol Harris; and

35  
36 WHEREAS, Ms. Crews is survived by her three (3) daughters, Polly Britt

1 Crews of Garner, North Carolina; Leslie Garrett Pender and husband Jim of  
2 Little Rock, Arkansas; and Laurie Wood Trujillo of Little Rock, Arkansas; two  
3 (2) sons, William Tipton Crews of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Todd L. Crews of  
4 Dallas, Texas; and six (6) grandchildren, Madison Trujillo, Garrett Pender,  
5 Colbei Crews Ramirez, Wood Trujillo, Brooks Pender, and Ava Crews McPherson,  
6

7 NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

10

11 THAT the House of Representatives recognizes Ms. Polly Ann Wood Crews'  
12 commitment, hard work, dedication, and service to the State of Arkansas and  
13 her local community, and commends her for her leadership.

14

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the individual members of the House of  
16 Representatives hereby express sincere condolences to the family of Ms.  
17 Crews, and upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be  
18 provided to the family by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

36