

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. JOHN F. WELLS OF LITTLE ROCK, AND
IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE AS A
JOURNALIST.

WHEREAS, Mr. John F. Wells, of Little Rock, Arkansas, a well-known
journalist and publisher, was killed in a automobile accident on Wednesday,
February 25, 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wells was publisher of The Daily Record, a Little Rock
newspaper, for many years; and

WHEREAS, during his early years, Mr. Wells was a reporter for the
Arkansas Gazette and served as city editor for that newspaper until 1936; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wells was executive secretary to Governor Carl Bailey from
1936 until 1941 when he first became publisher of a newspaper for the troops
at Camp Robinson; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Wells published the Arkansas Legislative
Digest, which provides members of the General Assembly with daily updated
information concerning status of all bills pending in the General Assembly;
and

WHEREAS, although Mr. Wells was considered by many to be a person who was
prone to express his personal attitudes concerning state government and public
officials, he was recognized as an editor who had the courage and the per-
sistence to follow his own good conscience even though such action might be
detrimental to his relationship with the Governor, the General Assembly and
other public officials; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wells will be long remembered for his independent journalism
and his inclination to take a personal stand on most major government issues,
but he will be best remembered for the journalistic courage he displayed in
person and through the news media,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

That this Resolution is adopted in respectful memory of Mr. John F. Wells

and in recognition of his many years of service as a courageous and dedicated journalist and his invaluable service to the General Assembly as publisher of the Legislative Digest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Senate and House of Representatives hereby express sincere sympathy to Mrs. Arra G. Turner Wells, and to other members of the family of Mr. John F. Wells.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this Resolution, a copy hereof shall be transmitted to Mrs. Arra G. Turner Wells, the widow of Mr. John F. Wells.