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5 By: Senators Bisbee, Hendren
6 By: Representatives Pace, Hardwick, Harris, Burkes, Kenney, Anderson, D. Hutchinson

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL**
10 **RESOLUTION**

11 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF JUDGE TERRY CRABTREE AND
12 IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
13 JUDICIARY AND TO THE PEOPLE OF ARKANSAS.

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15 **Subtitle**

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19 THE PEOPLE OF ARKANSAS.

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22 WHEREAS, Judge Terry Crabtree died on January 6, 2007; and

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24 WHEREAS, Judge Crabtree began a career of public service in the United
25 States Army, where he served as helicopter door gunner with the Army's Air
26 Cavalry in Vietnam; and

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28 WHEREAS, Judge Crabtree was awarded the Air Medal and the Bronze Star
29 for his military service; and

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31 WHEREAS, Judge Crabtree continued his fight for justice while serving
32 as a police officer in the Watts area of Los Angeles, California, until his
33 honorable retirement in 1977 after being shot in the line of duty and
34 suffering an injury that led to the loss of his leg; and

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36 WHEREAS, Judge Crabtree did not let his injury deter his lifelong quest



1 for justice. He obtained his bachelor's degree and law degree from the
2 University of Arkansas at Fayetteville; worked as a public defender; began
3 his judicial career as a municipal judge; served as Circuit-Chancery Judge in
4 Northwest Arkansas; and served as Juvenile Judge in Northwest Arkansas; and

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6 WHEREAS, Judge Crabtree's outstanding record of service resulted in
7 Governor Mike Huckabee appointing him to serve on the Arkansas Court of
8 Appeals and he was subsequently elected to two (2) consecutive terms on the
9 court; and

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11 WHEREAS, Judge Crabtree served on the faculty of the University of
12 Arkansas at Little Rock and authored some of the finest opinions ever written
13 as an Arkansas appellate court judge; and

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15 WHEREAS, Judge Crabtree will be missed for his lifelong fight for
16 justice, his quest for courage, and his idealistic devotion to his country;
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19 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Eighty-Sixth General Assembly wishes to
20 publicly recognize Judge Crabtree's contributions to his country, the State
21 of Arkansas, and his local community,

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23 NOW THEREFORE,

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

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27 THAT the Senate recognizes Judge Terry Crabtree's commitment, hard
28 work, dedication, and service to the judiciary, the people of the State of
29 Arkansas, and to his local community and commends him for his leadership.

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the individual members of the Senate hereby
32 express sincere condolences to the family of Judge Crabtree, and upon
33 adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the
34 family of Judge Crabtree by the Secretary of the Senate.