

House Resolution 1104

By: Representatives Wix of the 33rd, Richardson of the 19th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Coleman of the 144th, and Keen of the 179th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the honorable and memorable life of Mr. James Ray Crawford, Jr.; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. James Ray Crawford, Jr., was born on April 11, 1943, in Tullahoma,
4 Tennessee, and attended Columbus High School in Columbus, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford graduated from the University of Georgia, where he was a
6 football letterman and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, Pi Sigma Epsilon
7 Business Fraternity, the "G" Club, the Gridiron Secret Society, and the Fellowship of
8 Christian Athletes; he received his Juris Doctor degree from the Cumberland School of Law
9 at Samford University in 1969, where he was a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Legal
10 Fraternity and Law School Athletic Chairman; and

11 WHEREAS, after completing law school, Mr. Crawford served his country honorably as an
12 artillery officer in the United States Army, receiving two Army commendation medals for
13 outstanding services before being discharged in 1973; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford moved to Marietta in 1973 and accepted the position of Deputy
15 Executive Director for the State Properties Commission, beginning what would be a highly
16 distinguished career with the State of Georgia that would span 32 years and the
17 administrations of six Governors; and

18 WHEREAS, during the course of his outstanding service to Georgia, Mr. Crawford served
19 as Executive Director of the State Properties Commission and as Executive Director of the
20 Georgia Building Authority, and was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue as Georgia's first
21 State Property Officer in December 2004; and

22 WHEREAS, a tireless servant to the public, Mr. Crawford was a member of the MARTA
23 Board of Directors and Chairman of the Georgia Land Conservation Council, among

1 numerous other roles; he was also a faithful member of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford leaves behind a loving and devoted family, including his wife,
4 Susan Green Crawford; his sons and daughter-in-law James Ray "Tray" Crawford III and
5 Christopher Mason and Mandy Aiken Crawford; his daughter and son-in-law, Kelly Breen
6 Crawford and Parker Charles Grow; his grandchild, Mason Bond Crawford; his mother,
7 Mary Foster Crawford; and his sister, Marilyn Crawford; and

8 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost a most estimable citizen and beloved public servant
9 on November 23, 2005, with the passing of Mr. James Ray Crawford, Jr.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 the members of this body commend the honorable and memorable life of Mr. James Ray
12 Crawford, Jr., and join together to extend their most sincere condolences to his family and
13 friends.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
15 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Susan Green Crawford.