

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 91

By: Coffee

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution praising the life and career of the late
8 John Crawford; extending condolences; and directing
9 distribution.

10 WHEREAS, John Warren Crawford was born on November 10, 1919, on
11 a cotton and peanut farm in southern Alabama. John was one of five
12 children, with one brother and three sisters, and his family
13 migrated from sharecropping to the building trade. Building became
14 a skill that John utilized throughout his entire life; and

15 WHEREAS, John Crawford became a Christian in his youth and felt
16 the call to full-time ministry. He left the construction business
17 to seek an education that would prepare him for God's work.

18 However, World War II intervened, and John spent the next four years
19 in the United States Navy, participating in 57 air raids and
20 submarine operations; and

21 WHEREAS, it was while serving in the Navy that John met Dawson
22 Trotman, the founder of the Navigators, in Oakland, California. In
23 1947 John joined the Navigator's staff, working with Navy men in a
24 Christian servicemen's center in Long Beach, California. Throughout

1 his ministry, he utilized his building skills in refurbishing,
2 remodeling, and restoring church buildings, as well as building
3 disciples. John Crawford served God in Eagle Rock, California;
4 Colorado Springs, Colorado; San Diego, California; Oakland,
5 California; New Zealand; and eventually Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

6 WHEREAS, it was in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that John Crawford
7 started the "Key Men's Invitational" in 1983. This highly
8 successful conference draws an average of 500 participants for the
9 annual training session, building the members' speaking and
10 counseling talents; and

11 WHEREAS, John Crawford received his final assignment to be with
12 the Lord on Monday, February 8, 2010.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
14 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

15 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises the life and career of
16 the late John Warren Crawford.

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate mourns the loss of this Godly man
18 and extends its most sincere condolences to his friends and family.

19 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to John Warren
20 Crawford's wife, Helen; son, Jay; and daughter, Bonnie Foster.

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