Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 91 By: Coffee

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

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

WHEREAS, John Crawford became a Christian in his youth and felt the call to full-time ministry. He left the construction business to seek an education that would prepare him for God's work. However, World War II intervened, and John spent the next four years in the United States Navy, participating in 57 air raids and submarine operations; and

WHEREAS, it was while serving in the Navy that John met Dawson Trotman, the founder of the Navigators, in Oakland, California. In 1947 John joined the Navigator's staff, working with Navy men in a Christian servicemen's center in Long Beach, California. Throughout his ministry, he utilized his building skills in refurbishing, remodeling, and restoring church buildings, as well as building disciples. John Crawford served God in Eagle Rock, California; Colorado Springs, Colorado; San Diego, California; Oakland, California; New Zealand; and eventually Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adopted by the Senate the 5th day of April, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 6th **day of** April, 2010,

at 10:42 **o'clock** A **M.**

By: M. Susan Ingalls