

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1192

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Charles Crawford for his professional achievements as an educator.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes pride in honoring those esteemed individuals who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Crawford is one such noteworthy person, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a renowned professor of state and local history and oral history, Dr. Crawford has enjoyed a long and illustrious academic career; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Crawford completed his Ph.D. in History at the University of Mississippi in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford currently serves as professor of Memphis and Tennessee history and director of the Oral History Research Office at the University of Memphis. He teaches Oral History, a class taught at both undergraduate and graduate levels, and two graduate research seminars, Thematic Studies in American History and Research Seminar in State and Local History; and

WHEREAS, he has successfully directed twenty-one doctoral dissertations and fifty-seven students in the completion of Master of Arts theses and programs of study. Many of the students he instructed in his graduate classes have written papers that have been published in historical journals and dissertations that have subsequently been published as books; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Crawford is an active and dynamic member of his profession; he has conducted or supervised the completion of more than 2,000 oral history interviews dealing with historical and biographical topics throughout the Mid-South area; and

WHEREAS, he was the first person from a southern institution to be elected president of the Oral History Association, an international professional association, and has participated in scholarly programs on oral history throughout the United States and in several foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, this devoted professional is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Distinguished Teaching Award from the University of Memphis and the Meritorious Faculty Award from the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as civic and community honors. He is often consulted by other authors, reporters from all media, and film and television producers to provide commentary and background on aspects of the history of Memphis and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crawford is a widely published author of twenty books and numerous scholarly journals, articles, and reviews, all of which were written on the history of Tennessee or Memphis. One of his books, *Tennessee Land, History, and Government*, as well as a newer edition, *Dynamic Tennessee*, has been used as a textbook by most of the children in Tennessee's schools since the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Charles Crawford has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Charles Crawford for his manifold achievements as an educator, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.