

A Resolution in Memorial of

William Morrow "Bill" Abney

July 4, AD 1923
April 27, AD 2016

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to call into His eternal rest and blessedness in glory, His faithful servant, William Morrow "Bill" Abney, on April 27, AD 2016; and,

Whereas, Mr. William Morrow Abney was born in Toccopola, Mississippi, graduated from Amory High School, and attended Mississippi State University for two years; and,

Whereas, Mr. Bill Abney in patriotic duty and love for his country, enlisted in the U.S. Navy, attended flight school, was commissioned as an Ensign, and served as a Naval Pilot during WWII, and upon his discharge entered the University of Mississippi and graduated with a degree in Business Administration; and

Whereas, Mr. William Morrow Abney was married to the love his life Miss Willo Dean Wiley on June 17, AD 1950, in Amory, Mississippi; and,

Whereas, Mr. Bill Abney moved to Vicksburg, Mississippi in 1954, where he worked as a Pharmaceutical Representative for McKesson-Robbins and Durr-Fillauer; and,

Whereas, Mr. Bill Abney was a great Dad to his children whom he loved dearly, his son John Morrow Abney and his daughter Nona Abney Smith, both of whom made their profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and were admitted to the Table of the Lord at Westminster Presbyterian Church; and,

Whereas, Mr. Bill Abney was received into the communion of Christ's Church at Westminster Presbyterian Church on May 29, AD 1955, where he remained faithful to his membership vows regularly attending Sunday School and Public Worship of the Lord who bought him and the encouragement of the saints, and used the Lord's gift to him of a wonderful tenor voice to sing to the praises of his Lord in the choir; and,

Whereas, Mr. Bill Abney was ordained and installed as a Deacon of Westminster on December 8, AD 1957, and was then ordained and installed as an Elder of Westminster on January 19, AD 1969, as one of those stalwart godly and faithful men, who stood for the authority of Holy Scripture, Christ's truth as taught therein, and the credibility of a profession of faith in Christ seen in a fruitful life of love for Christ, worship, and Christian discipleship, he was an important part of the leadership of Westminster who guided her into the Presbyterian Church in America, and that Ruling Elder Emeritus status was conferred upon him on November 6, AD 1994; and,

Whereas, the Lord our God commands us to mark and remember those godly leaders whom He gives to His Church, "whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct." (Hebrews 13:7);

Therefore, be it resolved,

That we, the Session of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Vicksburg, Mississippi, do hereby mark and remember the godly example of life, both public and private, and the particular service to the congregation of God's people at Westminster, and express our thanks to the Lord and King of His Church for the gift of this our faithful brother, and,

That, as we join with his son John Morrow Abney with his wife Martha, and with his daughter Nona Abney Smith with her husband Hugh, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, in the mourning of their father and our brother in Christ, yet we rejoice in the powerful grace and saving power of our Lord Jesus Christ who brings the spirits of just men made perfect into His own blessed presence with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, and,

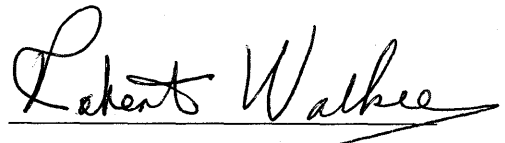
That, this memorial resolution be entered into the Minutes of the Meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church July 31th, AD 2016, and,

That, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley to be publicly read and spread upon the minutes, and,

That a copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Mr. William Morrow "Bill" Abney.



Scott L. Reiber, Moderator



Robert Walker, Clerk of Session