

RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

OF

THOMAS HENRY BOWEN, JR.

Our fellow Elder and friend, Thomas Henry Bowen, Jr., died on June 25, 2018, surrounded by his family and in the loving presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. Tom Bowen's life was one of compassion and service to others, with a special heart for children and youth in need. Tom exemplified the life that Paul exhorted the Christians of Colossae to live by clothing themselves with "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Col. 3:12.

We, the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi, do hereby memorialize Elder Emeritus Thomas Henry Bowen, Jr. with the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Tom was born on March 31, 1930, and raised in Port Gibson, Claiborne County, Mississippi, and he maintained a keen interest and constant love for his native Port Gibson and Claiborne County throughout his life and often conducted historical tours of both places; and

WHEREAS, Tom graduated from Port Gibson High School and was attending Hinds Community College when he was called into active military duty during the Korean War; upon completion of his military duty, Tom enrolled at Louisiana State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and an Air Force Reserve officer's commission through ROTC; and

WHEREAS, Tom's professional career began with Southern Bell Telephone Company, and he later embarked upon a 28-year career with Mississippi Valley Gas Company, retiring as Vice President of Administrative Services. Tom was also a retired Colonel in the Mississippi Air National Guard and served as the interim President of Chamberlain Hunt Academy following his retirement from Mississippi Valley Gas Company; and

WHEREAS, Tom gave generously to his community by serving on numerous boards, including French Camp Academy, Hinds County Youth Advisory Board, State Personnel Board, Jackson Public Schools Trust Foundation, Leadership Jackson and the Jackson Symphony; and

WHEREAS, Tom Bowen has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since October 1, 1961, was ordained a Deacon on July 15, 1979, was installed as a Ruling Elder on May 18, 1986, and was granted Elder Emeritus status on November 1, 2006; and

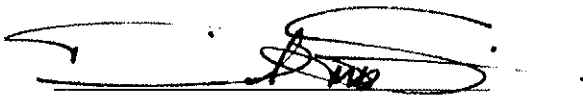
WHEREAS, while attending Hinds Community College, Tom Bowen met his wife of 58 years, Betty McLendon Bowen; following Betty's death in 2009, God blessed Tom with a second marriage to Norma Flora Bowen in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Henry Bowen and Carolyn Allen Bowen, and his wife, Betty McLendon Bowen, and is survived by his wife, Norma Flora Bowen, his daughters, Beth Bowen Pollock and Mary Allen McBride (Chuck) and grandchildren Anna Pollock Rayner (Wesley), Bowen Pollock, Melissa McBride, Emily McBride and Kelly McBride.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi, lovingly recalls the life of Thomas Henry Bowen, Jr., and his devotion and commitment to his family and others, to First Presbyterian Church and to the Lord Jesus Christ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be presented to Norma Flora Bowen, Beth Pollock and Mary Allen McBride and that the same be spread on the Minutes of the Session.

THIS the 10th day of September 2018.

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Dr. David T. A. Strain, Moderator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don B. Cannada", written over a horizontal line.

Don B. Cannada, Clerk