

The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley
MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

Billy Thomson Davies
October 27, 1929 - September 23, 2009

Whereas, our Sovereign God providentially provided for our spiritual needs in giving his servant Billy Thomson Davies who was born in Aucilla, Florida to Clyde Thomson and Jewel Brooks on October 27, 1929, and

Whereas, Billy Thomas Davies graduated from Duncan U. Fletcher High School of Jacksonville, Florida and then from the University of Florida at Gainesville, and

Whereas, upon graduation from college in 1952, Bill served his country in combat in the Korean War and was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant in 1956, and

Whereas, Bill Davies was then hired by the Chemstrand Corporation of Pensacola, Florida where he served as a deacon and ruling elder in the Fairfield Presbyterian Church from 1957-1966, and

Whereas, Bill, upon transferring to Charlotte North Carolina with Monsanto Textiles Company, became a deacon in the Calvary Presbyterian Church from 1966-1974 and served on the board of the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship, and

Whereas, the Lord led him to seek the gospel ministry by entering Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi to receive a Master of Divinity degree in 1977, and

Whereas, Bill married Athena Bacas of Hollywood, Florida in 1952 and was blessed with two daughters Elaine D. Griffith and Beth D. Rogers, and

Whereas, the Lord also blessed he and his wife with four grandchildren including Stephanie, Alexa, and Tory Griffeth and Jack Rogers, and

Whereas, upon licensure on April 9, 1976, Bill served McDonald Presbyterian Church here in Mississippi as a student pastor, and later upon his ordination to the ministry on September 4, 1977 in Gulf Coast Presbytery, and

Whereas, the Lord enabled Bill to serve several congregations including Faith Presbyterian Church of

Robertsdale, Alabama where he served as pastor from 1977-1980, North Cobb Community Church of Marietta, Georgia where he served as organizing pastor under the session of Smyrna Presbyterian Church from 1980-1983, North Cobb Community Church from 1983-1985 as pastor, Perimeter Church of Atlanta, Georgia as an associate pastor from 1985-1986, First Presbyterian Church of Summerville, Georgia from 1986-1990, and within our own presbytery at the Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church of Ridgeland where he served as an assistant pastor from 1990-1992 and then as an associate pastor from 1992-1995, and

Whereas, Billy Thomson Davies was granted honorable retirement by the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley on February 21, 1995, and

Whereas, the Lord, in accord with his eternal purposes, called his servant home on September 23, 2009,

Be it therefore resolved that the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley give thanks to our Triune God for the life of our fellow laborer Billy Thomson Davies, and rejoice in his thirty two years of faithful ministry rendered unto the Lord, and

Be it further resolved that this resolution of memorial, given at the Stated Meeting of May 4, 2010, be recorded in our minutes and communicated to his widow Athena with our sympathy and our gratitude for her partnership with her husband in the ministry of the gospel. May the name of our Lord be praised!