

The Westminster Presbyterian Church

3601 Halls Ferry road Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180

Memorial of Thanksgiving to the Lord Jesus Christ for His servant

Mr. Clyde Ross Donnell

Whereas, the Word of God calls upon us to respect our elders (Lev. 19:12) and render honor to those who rule well (I Tim. 5:17); and,

Whereas, the Word of God calls upon us to carefully consider the outcome of the conduct of those rulers and leaders of Christ's Church (Heb 13:7) so that we may imitate their faithfulness in discipleship to Jesus Christ (I Cor. 11:1); and,

Whereas, Mr. Clyde Ross Donnell was born in D'Lo, Mississippi, on October 20, AD 1922, and was taken by our Lord from this life at the age of 83 years on October 27, AD 2005; and,

Whereas, Mr. Donnell was exemplary in his marriage with his wife Margaret E. Donnell, whom he married in Australia on April 16, AD 1952 while serving in the United States Navy and was a faithful husband to her for the fifty three years of their marriage including the difficult time of her suffering with Alzheimers; and,

Whereas, Mr. Donnell was a godly and loving father to their children, daughters, Donna Lynn Grissom of Leland, Gail D. Rhett of Vicksburg, and son, Richard Ross Donnell of Clinton, and grandfather to their seven grandchildren, maintaining the example of a Southern Christian gentleman and was extensively involved in the lives of his children and grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Mr. Donnell honorably served his country as he enlisted in the United States Navy on October 20, AD 1942 on his 18th birthday, serving in World War II on the USS Ranger and USS Lexington, and served in the Navy for 20 years until his honorable retirement in 1960; and,

Whereas, Mr. Donnell was conscientious, upright, and respectable in his service to his community, by being elected as a county supervisor for eight years and serving as the President of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, by serving on various boards and agencies for the betterment of Vicksburg and Warren County, and by the high level of integrity which he demonstrated while operating his construction business; and,

Whereas, Mr. Clyde Donnell and his wife Margaret have been an important part of a hard working generation at Westminster Presbyterian Church where they were received into membership on December 8, AD 1963; and,

Whereas, Mr. Donnell served Christ in His Church, as an active Deacon having been elected to two terms ordained on January 4, AD 1976 and installed to a second term on December 9, AD 1979, as an active Elder for one term having been ordained on December 14, AD 1986, and as a Trustee and President of the Board of Trustees from January 29, AD 1989 until the Lord took him; and,

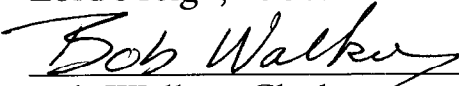
Whereas, Mr. Clyde Ross Donnell has demonstrated the character of Christ in his marriage and family, has maintained "a good testimony among those who are outside," and has by his exemplary life and service adorned the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; and,

Whereas, we the Session of the Westminster Presbyterian Church representing the whole congregation do acknowledge our dear brother, Clyde Ross Donnell, by whose life as a Christian friend and fellow servant of Christ we have been greatly blessed;


Therefore, be it resolved, that the Session of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Vicksburg, Mississippi, gives hearty thanks to Christ the Great King and Head of the Church for the exemplary Christian life, the use of God's gifts in humble service, and the godly example of Mr. Clyde Ross Donnell and spreads this memorial upon the minutes of Session; and,

Be it further resolved, that the Session of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Vicksburg, Mississippi, does petition Mississippi Valley Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America, to spread this Memorial of Thanksgiving for Mr. Clyde Ross Donnell upon their minutes at their appointed meeting.


Approved by unanimous vote on this 11th day of January in the year of our Lord's reign, 2006.



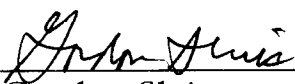
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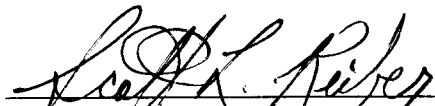
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