

RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

OF

JOSEPH EDMUND JOHNSTON, Jr.

J. Edmund Johnston, Jr. possessed many talents and, among others, his life reminds us of Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." With the death of Edmund Johnston on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, Edmund's family, friends and business associates remember him for his quiet, well-spoken wisdom. The Session takes this occasion to remember Edmund with the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Edmund Johnston was born November 22, 1929, to Margaret Craig Johnston and Joseph Edmund Johnston, Sr. in Jackson, Mississippi; was educated in the Jackson Public School System, was graduated from Central High School in 1947 and thereafter was graduated from Millsaps College, *cum laude* in 1950. Edmund served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict assigned as a missile programming technician at White Sands, New Mexico. In the course of his professional development he obtained a post-graduated banking degree from Rutgers University;

WHEREAS, Edmund met the love his life, Betty Anne Buchanan at a Christmas party in 1956 and they were married in June, 1957, thereafter enjoying more than 54 years of marriage;

WHEREAS, Edmund committed his entire professional life to Deposit Guaranty National Bank & Trust Company, the predecessor of Regions National Bank, and after 43 years of service retired in 1990 as Senior Vice President of DGN&B's Trust Department;

WHEREAS, Edmund Johnston was a life-long member of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson having joined on March 1, 1940, and having served in many leadership capacities, including Sunday School Teacher, Evangelism Explosion Leader, and Missions participant in Outreach to Ukraine;

WHEREAS, Edmund was installed as a Deacon on June 11, 1967 and was subsequently ordained as an Elder on January 30, 1972;

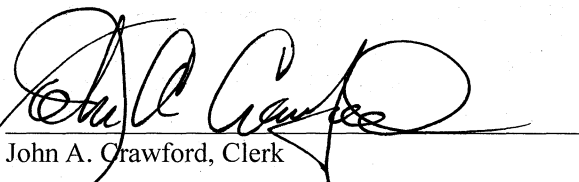
WHEREAS, J. Edmund Johnston balanced his professional and civic life with service as a board member of Belhaven University, board member of Gateway Rescue Mission, board member of Twin Lakes Conference Center and in positions of leadership in The Presbyterian Church in America. He still had time to exercise his passion for fishing, his enjoyment in playing bridge with friends; his fellowship with members of the Wednesday Coffee Club and his pleasure in seeing his children and grandchildren enjoy trips to the beach;

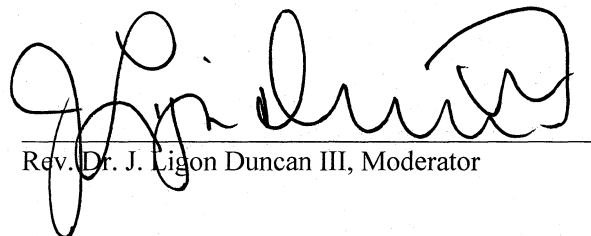
WHEREAS, Edmund Johnston is survived by his wife Betty Anne Buchanan Johnston, his daughters Margaret Anne Forester and Becky Newman and his son, Jed Johnston. Edmund is also survived by his sister, Barksdale Johnston Crosland, by his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Buddy and Luran Buchanan, by seven grandsons, three nephews and a niece.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi warmly reflects on the life of Joseph Edmund Johnston, Jr. and recalls his loving and faithful service to Jesus Christ; to his wife, children and grandchildren; and to First Presbyterian Church;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be presented to his widow, Betty Anne Buchanan Johnston and to his children, Margaret Anne Forester, Becky Newman and Jed Johnston and that the same be spread on the Minutes of the Session.

THIS the 8th day of August, 2011.


John A. Crawford, Clerk


Rev. Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III, Moderator