

A Memorial for Ruling Elder John Richard "Jack" Laws

Whereas, on March 6, 2016, after he had "served the purpose of God in his own generation" (Acts 13:36), our Creator and Author of the destiny of all men, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call from our midst Ruling Elder John Richard "Jack" Laws into his glorious presence; and

Whereas, Jack and his family were founding members of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church in Ridgeland, Mississippi, and from the first, he continually greeted visitors and new members warmly. Jack never met a stranger and was quick to invite them to Thursday morning breakfast and other church functions. Jack was elected Deacon and on January 8, 1989, he was elected an Elder. He soon began to have a vision for church planting. His passion and drive and financial support led to Pear Orchard being involved in planting a church in Raleigh, North Carolina, that now has granddaughter churches in Virginia. Jack was also a willing supporter of local church planting efforts, and encouraged young pastors to consider becoming church planters. He served The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley on its MNA committee and as a member of the MNA permanent committee; and

Whereas, Jack and his wife Janice also had a vision for starting a Christian School, and were instrumental in Christ Covenant School (serving preschool through eighth grade) becoming a ministry of Pear Orchard; and

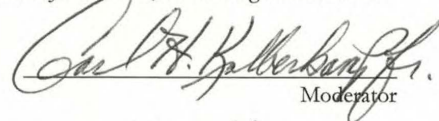
Whereas, Jack was a builder of temporal things and eternal things, and attributed his business success to God's blessing upon him; he was a driving force behind the construction of the Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church Sanctuary, Education Building and Multi-Purpose Building; and

Whereas, Jack was a man of great heart, who loved the Lord and quietly loved to help those in need, and encourage the pastors of God's flock; he was a giver of his heart, his time, and his financial resources; now

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church does note the death of our brother in the Lord with a deep sense of loss and sorrow by acknowledging that a "prince of Israel has fallen" (2 Samuel 3:39), yet because of the Gospel a "prince of Israel" has been promoted to glory, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving for the life of Ruling Elder John Richard "Jack" Laws, as he lived among us and served the Lord so faithfully. Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church rejoices in the full and certain assurance that our brother is in the presence of God to worship Him throughout eternity. To God be the glory, honor and power, both now and forevermore, Amen; and

Further Be it Resolved that this Resolution be approved as a Memorial by Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and likewise forward this memorial to The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to be spread upon its minutes; and

Further Be it Resolved that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, and that a copy be furnished to his wife, Janice, as an expression of the Church's deep appreciation for the life, testimony and ministry by Ruling Elder John Richard "Jack" Laws, to the kingdom of God.


Moderator


Clerk of Session

