

Appendix P

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY
IN MEMORY OF T. E. DONALD BRAY PATTERSON

WHEREAS God, in His good providence, did bring into this world Donald Bray Patterson on July 26, 1923; and

WHEREAS Don Patterson was adopted into God's family, redeemed by God's grace, and made a member of Christ's church; and

WHEREAS Don Patterson received a call from God to serve Him in the Gospel Ministry; and

WHEREAS Don Patterson responded in obedience to God's call, prepared himself for His ministry, and served the Lord faithfully in Commerce Presbyterian Church of Commerce, Georgia; Perry Presbyterian Church of Perry, Georgia; West End Presbyterian Church of Hopewell, Virginia; McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church of Pensacola, Florida; and First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS God used Don Patterson in the lives of many of His people, bringing them to faith or strengthening their faith in Christ; and

WHEREAS Don Patterson served the church faithfully through his participation in the formation of the Presbyterian Church in America, serving as Chairman of the Steering Committee that formed the new denomination; subsequent to his retirement as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, he was appointed "Pastor at Large" to Mission to the World, and traveled throughout the world counseling and encouraging missionaries. After asking to be relieved of this responsibility in 1993, he was named "Special Representative" and continued to represent Mission to the World in various capacities, one of which was to organize two "Vision Trips" a year for numbers of pastors and interested laymen to go to various mission fields to see the work and to become involved in the mission efforts of those fields; and

WHEREAS The 26th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, did elect him as Honorary Moderator; and

WHEREAS God, in His good providence, did call Don Patterson home to Himself on December 25, 1998;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

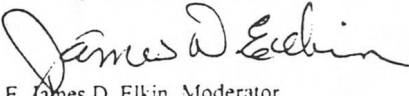
that the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, while humbly submitting itself to God's sovereign providence in both the life and death of Donald Patterson, does express to God its deepest appreciation for his forty-seven years of faithful ministry; and

that the Presbytery extends its deepest sympathy to Don's wife, Jeanne, and his children, Elizabeth, James, and Shirley; and


that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Mississippi Valley Presbytery as a permanent testimony to Don Patterson's faithful service in Christ's church; and

that a copy of this resolution be presented to Don Patterson's family as a fitting token of our appreciation of his ministry in the church.

Adopted by the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley of the Presbyterian Church in America on this sixteenth day of February in the Year of our Lord, 1999.


R.E. James D. Elkin, Moderator

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T.E. Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

