



Resolution of Respect
in Loving Memory of



Though your days among us were too brief and our grief at your loss is never-ending, we draw comfort from the knowledge that you have found safe refuge in the Lord and in our hearts, where no darkness or pain can touch you now. We bless you with love, light and our gratitude.

Whereas, _____ of _____ passed from this life
on _____, and _____

Whereas, the death of _____ does not diminish the profound benediction of a life lived in such Godly service, nor our admiration of and affection for _____ example, and _____

Whereas, _____ faithfully attended God's most urgent admonition to follow in the footsteps of the righteous, seek justice in all circumstances, and care for the least among us as if they were the dearest, and _____

Whereas, _____ was an active member of the _____ Church community for _____ years and freely gave of _____ time and energy as a lay leader and a faithful member of the congregation, and _____

Whereas, in _____ service as _____ for _____ shared as well a bright, steady spirit and a cheerful heart, and _____

Whereas, our beloved _____ embraced the all-forgiving presence of God from _____ earliest days and strove to exhibit these same qualities of compassion throughout an exemplary life, and _____

Whereas, the family and acquaintances of _____ are deeply saddened at _____ departure, as are all who were touched by generous spirit and kindnesses, and _____

Whereas, _____ legacy of faith and service will continue to inspire _____ loved ones and every member of the congregation.

Now therefore, be it resolved that we wish all who are now in mourning to take comfort from the immortal words of the great poet Khalil Gibran:

"If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open your heart wide unto the body of life.

For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one...

For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun?

And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?...

And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance."

Therefore, be it further resolved that we bow to a greater Will than our own and rest in the knowledge that one day we will be united with again, in joy and in the fullness of God's mercy.

Humbly submitted in Faith and Appreciation
for the gift of our time with _____ ,
on _____ by _____ .

Acknowledged by _____
on this day, _____ .