



Resolution of Respect
for (Name of deceased)
a beloved member of our congregation



We are today comforted by the words of Our Lord in Revelations 21:4 which says:
"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Whereas, (Name of deceased) of (Name of church or parish) passed from this life on (Date: month, day, year), and

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself our (brother/sister) (Name of deceased), too soon by our measure but in the providence of the All-knowing Divine, and

Whereas, in God's holy wisdom, He has called home (Name of deceased) to dwell with Him in the glories of Paradise, the officers and members of (Name of church) offer their sincere condolences to the family. Your sorrow is our sorrow; your loss is magnified by the loss of a dear soul from our congregation, and

Whereas, (Name of deceased) served this earthly Kingdom with devout ministrations to this Church, as (volunteer activities deceased performed for church) for more than (number of) years, and

Whereas, our cherished (Name of deceased) shared the fruits of (his/her) labor as a principled and successful business owner and civic leader and contributed generously to Church missions, and

Whereas, (Name of deceased) performed (his/her) work on this earth and offered (his/her) service to this church for the greater honor and glory of God, unreservedly and in a spirit of humility, and

Whereas, (Name of deceased) was a loving and attentive partner and parent who instilled in (his/her) children a strong devotion to the Lord and a sense of responsibility to those less fortunate, and

Whereas, we have each of us been blessed by the presence of (Name of deceased) in our lives and in our congregation.

Therefore, be it resolved that we embrace this bereaved family, in our common bond of grief and remembrance of a beloved soul.

And therefore, be it resolved that we bow in acceptance of the perfection of God's plan to gather each of us into His merciful arms when we have fulfilled our task on this earth.

Be it further resolved, that a period of official mourning shall be observed for 30 days by the presence of an empty seat in Church services to acknowledge the passing of our esteemed (Name of deceased) and that a copy of this resolution be given to the family and a copy kept in the Church archives.

In the words of John, Chapter 14, verses 1 - 3:

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

"In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

Be at peace in the everlasting love of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted on this (Date) day of (Month/Year)
on behalf of the Officers and Members of (Church Name),
(City and State),

Reverend (Pastor's or Clergy Name)
Senior Pastor (or official title).