



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SAN ANTONIO

LIVING TO MAKE JESUS VISIBLE

Session Resolution in Gratitude for the Life of Ralph E. Lehr

*“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord is God!
It is he that made us, and we are his;
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with Praise”
Psalm 100*

WHEREAS, our fellow elder and brother in Christ, Ralph E. Lehr, was born on September 25, 1920, and was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Ralph demonstrated exemplary service and enthusiasm in all that he did, serving as President and Salutatorian of his Senior Class as well as President of the National Honor Society and Head Cheerleader at Thomas Jefferson High School; and

WHEREAS, Ralph graduated Magna Cum Laude from his beloved Washington and Lee University, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Gamma Sigma National Honorary Fraternities; and

WHEREAS, Ralph served his country with distinction and honor in World War II as a Captain in the U. S. Air Force in the Office of Management Control at the Headquarters of the 20th Air Force on Guam; and

WHEREAS, in 1949 Ralph married the beautiful Lillian Ann Porter (daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. Horton B. Porter), of Hillsboro, Texas and they began a life together full of love, friendship and service to this church and to the community of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Ralph was active in real estate counseling; Past President of the San Antonio Board of Realtors; Past President of the San Antonio Chapter of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers; and Past President of the San Antonio Chapter Society of Real Estate Appraisers; and

WHEREAS, Ralph was a devoted member of First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, serving as Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Chairman of the Presbyterian Church Extension Council; and Ruling Elder of the Session; and

WHEREAS, Ralph extended his service arising out of his love of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the community by acting as Vice Chairman and Interim Chairman of the Central Index and Christmas Clearing Bureau welfare agencies; as Chairman of the San Antonio Society for Crippled Children and Adults; in advisory capacities to the Protestant Children's Home, the San Antonio Junior League, the Charity Ball Association, the Alamo Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Boysville and to various educational institutions, including St. Mary's Hall; and

WHEREAS, Ralph enjoyed many friendships in San Antonio and enjoyed being with people, and participated in social activities, including as President of the German Club, board member of the Order of the Alamo, and serving as King Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Ralph was a faithful and devoted husband to Lillian Ann for 66 years; a devoted and supportive father to his three children, Ralph E. Lehr, Jr., Stephen Lehr (Susan), and Ann Lehr Bunn (Chuck); a fun-loving grandfather to his granddaughters, Lillian Ann Gretzinger and Elizabeth Kreager; and a proud great-grandfather to Ned and Lillian Gretzinger; and

WHEREAS, Ralph always had a smile, a positive attitude, and a good word for everyone he met, including his many friends and fellow church members, thereby exemplifying service to the Lord with gladness;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Session of Ruling Elders of First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, extend to the family of Ralph E. Lehr, to Lillian Ann Lehr, to his children and their spouses and children and grandchildren, our deepest sympathies and our heartfelt gratitude for Ralph's life and the blessing that he and Lillian Ann and their family have been to this congregation and this community, and that this Session Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Session in his memory and honor.

SO RESOLVED this 14th day of September, 2015.



The Rev. Dr. Ron Scates, Moderator



N. A. Stuart III, Clerk of Session