

The Melrose Alumni Association, Memphis Chapter

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Timothy 4:6-8

6 For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

*Resolution of Respect For Joel Jackson:*

*No matter what your trials are, or how big your mountain seems; The Lord is there to see you through; He'll go to all extremes. So if your cross seems hard to bear; and you know not what to do; The One who loves you most of all will be there to see you through. We are in place in this world for a limited time, and with the breath of the infant begins the race to the grave. A race everyone must run.*

WHEREAS, in the providence of God. He has brought to a close the life of Golden Wildcat, Joel Jackson.

The officers and members of The Melrose Alumni Association, Memphis Chapter, feel that it is befitting to express their sympathy to the family due to the passing of Joel Jackson. We commend you to Him who knoweth best and will always do right. You have our sincere prayers.

WHEREAS, Joel Jackson was a reverent man who loved the Lord. A very loyal, dedicated and committed person who would always provide assistance whenever needed. He loved his family with a gentle, yet stern combination which only he possessed. He served The Melrose Alumni Association, Melrose High School and The Orange Mound Community with great pride and humility.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we bow in humble submission to Him who never makes a mistake and remind the family to be encouraged by remembering this poem.

*When I must leave you for a little while ; Please do not grieve and shed wild tears; And hug your sorrow through the years. But start out bravely with a gallant smile; And for my sake and in my name; Live on and do all things the same; Feed not your loneliness on empty days, But fill each waking hour in useful ways; Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer; And I in turn will comfort you; And hold you near, And never, never be afraid to die, For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to the family and a copy kept in the Melrose Alumni Association's archives.

To the family, we know your loss is deep, and your sorrow is great, but we want you to know that we share in your sorrow, but more importantly, we recognize that this loss is Heaven's Gain.

Humbly submitted on this 5th day of May, 2015 by The Officers and Members of The Melrose Alumni Association, Memphis Chapter

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*They say you never know what you had until it's gone. Truth is you knew exactly what you had, you just thought you would never lose it, or took it for granted while you had it.*