



Memphis Chapter Memorial Resolutions



RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND WORK OF JOSEPH ORGILL O'BRIEN

WHEREAS: the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc. – the Memphis Chapter – is saddened by the death of its long time member, Joseph Orgill O'Brien, better known to us as "Joe", who died Wednesday March 29, 2017 at the King's Daughters and Sons Home.

WHEREAS: Joe led a full and worthy life in which he distinguished himself and our Society. More particularly:

- a). He served as President of the Memphis ASHRAE Chapter 1964 – 1965, following in the footsteps of his late father who served as the second President of the Memphis Chapter 1944 – 1945
- b). Was a graduate of Pentecost Garrison School for Boys; The Taft School in Watertown, CT; and Princeton University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering
- c). Joined his father's firm, T. J. O'Brien Engineering Company in 1958, founded by his father in 1922.
- d). Was President and Chairman of the Board of O'Brien Engineering from 1958 – 2002 after which he continued as a representative for Beacon Medaes Company involved in medical gas systems
- e). In addition to his membership in ASHRAE was also a member of the American Society of Chemical Engineers; past president of the Princeton Alumni Association; member of the Rotary Club; the Memphis Country Club; the Hunt and Polo Club and St. John's Episcopal Church. He was actively involved on the advisory board of the king's Daughters and Sons home where his son resided for many years.
- f). He is survived by his wife Leonora O'Brien; as son; a step-daughter; a step-son; five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

WHEREAS: We have been blessed by having served with Joseph Orgill O'Brien, and he will be missed not only by his family and community, but by the membership of ASHRAE – Memphis

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the life and services of Joseph Orgill O'Brien be commended and recognized in the historical records of our Organization and that an appropriate copy of this Resolution be delivered to his family and in memory of his service and fellowship to us.

This 12th day of April, 2017

By: *Jack Griffith, P.E., President*
Jack Griffith, President

by: *J. Kenneth Jack, Memorials Chairman*
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