



Memphis Chapter Memorial Resolutions



RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE AND WORK

OF

PAST PRESIDENT GRIFFITH CORBIN (GRIFF) BURR, JR.

WHEREAS: The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc. – Memphis Chapter – is saddened by the death of a long-standing leader in our industry and in our ASHRAE Society, Griffith C. Burr, Jr., who died January 12, 2013

WHEREAS: Griffith (Griff) Burr led a full and worthy life in which he distinguished himself, his community, his family, and our Society. More particularly:

- a). Following graduation from Christian Brothers High School had studied at the Georgia Institute of Technology and graduated in mechanical engineering from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville
- b). Served his country for three years active duty after being commissioned as officer in the United States Navy following graduation from the U. S. Naval Officer Candidate School
- c). In 1958, joined Office of Griffith C. Burr (now OGCB, Inc.) established by his father - a highly recognized and regarded firm specializing in the design of Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning, Plumbing and Electrical systems, becoming president in 1967, and providing design for many area major landmark facilities including One Commerce Square, Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library, Rhodes College Barret Library and the University of Memphis Central Energy Plant to name a few.
- d). Was past president of the Memphis ASHRAE chapter from 1969 – 1970
- e). Served on ASHRAE TC9.2 (Computer Room Air Conditioning), and chaired ASHRAE Handbook Chapter revision for the ASHRAE 1987 HVAC Systems and Application Handbook
- f). Achieved the highest Society honor of ASHRAE FELLOW at his election
- g). Served in a number of professional positions including chairing the American Consulting Engineers Council National Energy Committee; chaired a State of Tennessee Ethics committee; President of the Consulting Engineers of Tennessee (now ACEC of Tennessee); chaired the Memphis Building Code Appeals Board; and served as President of the local Salvation Army Advisory Board
- h). Was a long standing and active member of Idlewild Presbyterian Church where he served as Elder and valued member of the House and Properties Committee, Columbarium and Clean Water committees and orchestrated Idlewild Church named to the National Register of Historic Places

He is survived by his wife of 57 years – Bede, daughters Rebecca, Kathryn, Allison, eight grandchildren, and two brothers.

WHEREAS: We have been blessed by having served with Griff Burr, Jr., and he will be missed not only by his family, friends, clients, and community but by the membership of the Memphis ASHRAE Chapter

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the life and service of Griffith C. Burr, Jr. 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.

By: Jimmy Fleck, P.E., President
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By: J. Kenneth Jack, Memorials Chairman
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