Resolutions to the Delegates of the 112th Annual State Convention

**Of the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus**

**RESOLUTION No. 5**

***Whereas***

William Houck, was ordained into the Priesthood by Bishop Thomas J. Toolen on May 19, 1951, at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Mobile, Alabama, and

***Whereas***

Bishop Houck was a parish priest, serving in the Diocese of Mobile in parishes including St. Francis Xavier Parish in Birmingham, and

***Whereas***

Bishop Houck was a lifelong educator, receiving a master’s degree from Catholic University of America, and holding teaching and school administrative positions in Pensacola, Florida and Birmingham, Alabama, including secretary for education, and superintendent, in Birmingham, and

***Whereas***

On May 27, 1979, Pope John Paul II ordained William Houck into the sacred order of bishops and assigned him as Auxiliary Bishop in the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi, and

***Whereas***

Bishop Houck was installed as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Jackson on June 5, 1984, and

***Whereas***

Bishop Houck was a steadfast and enthusiastic supporter of the work of the Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction,

***Now Therefore Be It Resolved***

The Knights of Columbus, assembled as delegates to this 112th Convention of the Mississippi Jurisdiction, celebrate Bishop Houck’s entry to the arms of our Lord upon his death on March 9, 2016, after 64 years and 10 months of faithful service to the Church, and

***Be It Further Resolved***

The Knights of Columbus of Mississippi pledge to remain faithful to the memory and outstanding model of Christian life exhibited by Bishop William Houck and ask that the Lord bless our work on behalf of Bishop Houck’s beloved Church and people.

***Recommendation:*** Adopt as amended

***Action:*** Adopted

Submitted: State Officers