

## *Cecil Sherman Citation of Appreciation*

*Because Cecil Sherman has been a pastor with outstanding skills in proclaiming the Word both from the pulpit and on a one-to-one basis in seasons of joy and seasons of sorrow, and*

*Because Cecil Sherman was the esteemed leader of the Gatlinburg Gang who saw early the loss of Christian courtesy and Baptist principles within Southern Baptist life and who fought for a structured response that eventually became the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and*

*Because Cecil Sherman was a dynamic founder of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship who by popular acclaim was named the first national coordinator of the Fellowship, and*

*Because Cecil Sherman has been a seminary professor who has helped to prepare the rising generation of moderate ministers by sharing his rich and varied experiences over several decades of involvement in the work of churches and their agencies, and*

*Because Cecil Sherman has been a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who has incarnated the expression "in sickness and in health until death us do part" unforgettably during these most recent years,*

*Therefore be it affirmed by the Coordinating Council on behalf of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia that we salute our brother in Christ for a long life well lived and that we assure him of our prayers and best wishes throughout the time yet remaining for him to be among us.*

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