



SOUTHERN COTTON ASSOCIATION

IN MEMORIAL ROBERT McCALLUM

Robert D. McCallum, President of the Southern Cotton Association in 1952-1953 and a Past President of the American Cotton Shippers Association in 1965 died at the age of 93 on February 22, 2005. He was also a former member of the boards of directors of various business entities including the National Cotton Council, the Memphis Cotton Exchange, and Union Planters Corporation.

Robert was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas, grew up in Memphis and graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1933. As a new college graduate, he joined George H. McFadden & Brothers, a Memphis cotton merchant. He retired as head of Valmac, an Arkansas-based poultry processor and as board chairman of food distributor Distribuco of Santa Ana, California. Because of his humble beginnings, Robert was determined to give other hard-working youth a chance to improve their lot by starting a scholarship program at Rhodes College. He was chairman of the college's Board of Trustees from 1968 to 1981. He supported numerous charitable, civic and educational institutions in Memphis. He served on the investment committee of the Children's Foundation of Memphis and continued to serve in that capacity until his death.

Robert is survived by his wife, Memphis portrait artist Virginia Blackwell Jett McCallum, two daughters, Virginia McCallum Syer of Charlottesville, VA and Mary McCallum McDonnell of Memphis, a son, Robert D. McCallum Jr. of Washington, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that in the passing of Robert D. McCallum, this Association and the cotton industry has lost an able and effective leader, as well as a true friend.

Be it further

Resolved, that this token of the Association's esteem for Mr. McCallum's memory be spread upon the minutes of the Southern Cotton Association's 90th Annual Convention in Memphis, Tennessee the 21st day of April 2005, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his family.

Jeff Johnson
President

Attest:

William E. May
Secretary