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Whereas, it has been publicly reported that Prof. H. A. Morgan, President of the University of Tennessee, has not only forbidden the use of textbooks which teach the Darwinian theory of Evolution, thereby setting at naught the biblical account of creation, and teaching that man sprung from a lower order of animals, and that besides forbidding the use of such textbooks, he promptly notified the Professor, who without authority or permission ordered and proposed to use such books, in his class that his services were no longer needed after the class of the present session at the University of Tennessee:

Therefore:

Be it resolved by a united meeting of the Methodist, Baptist, A. R. Presbyterian and the Federated Presbyterian Churches of Fayetteville, Tennessee, that we heartily commend Prof. Morgan for his prompt action in this case;

That we consider the great State of Tennessee fortunate in having a man at the head of our great University who has the moral courage to combat evil in high places;

That the people of Tennessee are to be congratulated that this state institution does not follow in the footsteps of German infidels in teaching that man sprung from a lower order of beings, but that man was created in the image of God, that the bible is the word of God, and that man was destined for a future existence.

Be it further resolved:

That we hereby pledge him our moral support on this issue.

H. K. Troyson Chairman

W. F. Gilmore, Pastor of Federated Presbyterian Church

S. J. Patterson " " A. R. " "

E. L. Cole " " First Baptist Church