

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND GORDON BELL DAVIS**

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Gordon Bell Davis to his heavenly home on February 10, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Gordon was born on January 3, 1926 in Beaufort, NC, the son of Clarence and Claudia Davis; and,

WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the East Carolina University in 1948; and,

WHEREAS, after teaching English and History for a few years at Hopewell High School, Gordon answered God's call to the ordained ministry and enrolled in Virginia Theological Seminary, earning a Master of Divinity degree in 1954; and,

WHEREAS, The Rt. Rev. George P. Gunn ordained Gordon a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 4, 1954 and a Priest on June 1 of the following year; and,

WHEREAS, Gordon served in various capacities in various church in Virginia, including St. John's, Chester, Grace Church, Yorktown, and Christ and St. Luke's Church, Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, he married Virginia Davis on February 16, 1963, a union producing two children, Isabelle and Nicholas; and

WHEREAS, after being married, Gordon and Virginia spent a year in England where he completed in a study program at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury in 1965; and,

WHEREAS, he returned to England many times to visit museums and historic houses, garnering him the reputation of being a 'true Anglophile'; and

WHEREAS, Gordon is remembered as being a devoted priest, husband, father, grandfather, and friend; and

WHEREAS, he survived by his wife of fifty-six years, his children and their spouses, four grandchildren, and a great-grandson; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 129th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including sixty-seven years in the ordained

ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Gordon Bell Davis; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to his wife, Virginia.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND ROBERT HANCOCK ARMSTRONG

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Robert Hancock Armstrong to his heavenly home on February 29, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Bob was born on September 5, 1932 in Richmond, VA, the third son of Thomas and Julia Armstrong; and,

WHEREAS, while growing up, Bob was blessed to sing in the Men & Boys Choir of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Richmond, laying the foundation for a lifelong love of singing and the arts; and,

WHEREAS, after graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1949, he enrolled at the University of Richmond and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology in 1954; and,

WHEREAS, after graduation he entered preflight training and advanced flight training, receiving his wings in fixed aircraft before going on to complete instruction in flying helicopters; and,

WHEREAS, Bob utilized his flying skills in the United States Coast Guard, rescuing in the Mediterranean Sea four downed Navy personnel in 1956 and serving as Officer-in-Charge of a helicopter detachment on a Coast Guard Icebreaker to the Arctic prior to being honorably discharged in 1957; and,

WHEREAS, Bob answered God's call to the ordained ministry and entered Virginia Theological Seminary in the fall of 1958; and,

WHEREAS, during this time he met and married Susan Haywood Wells on June 18, 1960, a marriage producing three daughters, Kimberly Jean, Lisa Anne, and Mary Catherine; and,

WHEREAS, Bob left seminary and worked as a probation officer in the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court for two years before returning to Virginia Seminary and earning a Master of Divinity degree in 1963; and,

WHEREAS, The Rt. Rev. Robert Fisher Gibson, Jr. ordained Bob a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 21, 1963 and ordained him a Priest on June 1 of the following year; and,

WHEREAS, after serving five years as an Assistant to the Rector of St. James' Church in Richmond, in 1968 Bob accepted a call to serve as rector of St. John's Church in Chester; and

WHEREAS, after a fire in 1974 destroyed the church building, he held the congregation together and led them in a campaign to build a new facility; and,

WHEREAS, in 2000 he led the congregation through a second major capital campaign for the purpose of expansion, thus putting his fingerprint on St. John's church building that will facilitate the congregation's worship, fellowship, and Christian ministry for years to come; and,

WHEREAS, Bob was a strong proponent of ecumenism, bringing together Chester area churches and creating close bonds throughout the community; and,

WHEREAS, Bob ministered faithfully and effectively to the people of St. John's for over thirty-four years until his retirement in January 2003; and

WHEREAS, in retirement he continued to offer supply services to parishes on both sides of the James River; and,

WHEREAS, Bob was an avid (some might even say rabid) tennis player, known for instructing both clergy and laity in the finer aspects of the game; and

WHEREAS, Bob was preceded in death by his two older brothers and by Susan, his beloved wife of forty years; and

WHEREAS, Bob is survived by his three daughters, their spouses, and six grandchildren; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 129th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including fifty-seven years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Robert Hancock Armstrong; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that copies be sent to his daughters, Kimberly Hafner, Lisa McCarthy, and Mary Catherine Gunter.

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND DR. SEAN A. COX**

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Sean Cox to his heavenly home on March 10, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Sean was born on April 5, 1970, in Phoenix Arizona, and baptized in All Saints' Episcopal Church; and,

WHEREAS, he graduated with an English degree from the University of Arizona, and

WHEREAS, when he was leading a preschool chapel during an internship while attending the Seminary of the Southwest an attractive young teacher winked at him, causing him to blush; and,

WHEREAS, he married the winking teacher on December 28, 1996, in between his ordination to the diaconate on September 10, 1996, and to the priesthood on March 11 of the following year; and,

WHEREAS, Katie and he had two children, Rebeckah Lynn and Brian Stephen, who grew to be on constant vigilance for Sean's next practical joke; and,

WHEREAS, he spent his ordained ministry serving parishes in Arizona, Texas, and California before discerning a call to diocesan ministry in Indiana, all while he served 25 years with sailors, marines, Coast Guard, tanks and joint forces as a Navy chaplain who was deployed to Guantanamo Bay and Afghanistan, achieving the rank of Captain; and,

WHEREAS, he discerned diocesan ministry was not his calling and accepted a call as an interim at St. Luke's Powhatan; and,

WHEREAS, he was an avid hiker, connoisseur of barbecue, with a particular interest in beef ribs, and Celtic music enthusiast; and,

WHEREAS, the birthdays of his family and friends were celebrated with his gifting to them an acrostic prayer based on their name; and,

WHEREAS, in less than three months he not only captured the hearts of his congregation but also of his clerical colleagues in the Diocese of Southern Virginia before his untimely death; and,

RESOLVED, that this 129th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service offered to God's glory by The Reverend Doctor Sean Cox; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to his wife, Katie.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

THE RIGHT REVEREND JOHN CLARK BUCHANAN

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call The Right Reverend John Clark Buchanan to his heavenly home on April 15, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, John was born in Joanna, South Carolina, the son of Dock Jones Buchanan and Ella Virginia Clark Buchanan; and,

WHEREAS, he served in the United States Air Force from 1951-1955; and,

WHEREAS, he graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1958, the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1961, and General Theological Seminary in 1966; and,

WHEREAS, he served as Rector of three parishes in the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina: St. Barnabas' Church, Dillon, St. Matthew's Church, Darlington, and St. Andrew's Church, Mt. Pleasant; and,

WHEREAS, he was elected as Bishop Coadjutor to the Diocese of West Missouri in 1988 and began his tenure as Bishop in 1989, faithfully serving the clergy and parishioners of the Diocese until his retirement in 2000; and,

WHEREAS, during his Episcopate, Bishop Buchanan's vision and diligence led to the development of the Bishop Spencer Place retirement community in Kansas City, Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, in retirement, he continued to be a faithful servant of the Episcopal Church in various capacities: Parliamentarian for the House of Bishops from 2003 until 2013, Bishop-in-Residence at St. Michael's Church from 2000 until 2004, Assisting Bishop Diocese of Texas from 2004 until 2006, Interim Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia from 2006 until 2008, Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Quincy from 2009 until 2013, and Assisting Bishop Diocese of Chicago from 2013 and 2014; and,

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife, Peggy, daughters, and grandchildren;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 129th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the dedicated service offered to God's glory by The Right Reverend John Clark Buchanan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his family and loved ones; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to his wife, Peggy.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

THE REVEREND THEODORE HARBOUR BAILEY, III, D.MIN.

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Theodore Harbour Bailey, III, Priest, to his heavenly home on April 23, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, this native of Baltimore, born on December 18, 1922, graduated from Catonsville High School; and,

WHEREAS, after beginning his studies at the College of William & Mary, he left school in order to serve our country during World War II as a P-38 pilot in the United States Army Air Corps in India,. Burma, and China; and,

WHEREAS, having completed his military service, he returned to the College of William & Mary, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1947; and,

WHEREAS, while working as a salesman in Pennsylvania, he met Gunda Gabcke, a Fulbright exchange student at Dickinson College, marrying her in 1954, and spending the next year in Germany visiting various members of her family, and, at the same time, learning both German and how to play the violin; and,

WHEREAS, Theodore Harbour Bailey, III, responded to God's call to ordained ministry and earned his Master in Divinity from the Berkley Divinity School at Yale in 1958, and later, in 1985, earned his Doctor in Ministry degree from the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond; and,

WHEREAS, he was ordained Deacon on June 17, 1958, and Priest on December 23, 1958, by Bishop Noble C. Powell; and,

WHEREAS, he served God in Maryland as Rector at St. Peter's Church, Ellicott City, 1958-1966; Rector at St. John's Church, Baltimore, 1966-1973; Assistant at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore, 1973-1975; and,

WHEREAS, he served God in the Diocese of Virginia as Rector at St. John's Church, Richmond, 1975-1988; and,

WHEREAS, he moved to Williamsburg in retirement and again answered God's call to serve, this time in Southern Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, he served with great pastoral care and the love of God for all people as Interim Rector of numerous parishes throughout this Diocese, earning the respect and love of those parish families;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 129th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the enthusiastic and faith filled witness to the Glory of God by Theodore Harbour Bailey, III, during 62 years of ordained ministry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Theodore Harbour Bailey, III; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council, and that a copy be sent to his family.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

CHARLES F. TUCKER

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Charles F. Tucker to his heavenly home on April 30, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Charles was born in Suffolk, Virginia, the son of The Reverend Herbert Nash Tucker and Sarah Alice Faulkner Tucker; and,

WHEREAS, he graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1952 and Washington and Lee University School of Law in 1954; and,

WHEREAS, he served three years in the United States Army's Judge Advocate General Corps; and,

WHEREAS, he joined the law firm of Vandeventer & Black in 1957 and served as Managing Partner of the firm from 1969 until his retirement in 1998; and,

WHEREAS, in retirement, he served as Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, throughout his lifetime, he worked actively with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and Christ & St. Luke's Episcopal Church; and,

WHEREAS, he is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Helen, of fifty years; and,

WHEREAS, he is survived by his children, Jane, Charles, and Hampton, their spouses, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandsons;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 129th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the dedicated service offered to God's glory by Charles F. Tucker; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his family and loved ones; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to his children.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE HONORABLE JAMES E. BRADBERRY

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call James E. Bradberry, beloved member of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, to his heavenly home on July 25, 2020, having triumphantly attained the age of 80; and,

WHEREAS, this native of Chicago, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and then, in 1965, earned a Law Degree from the University of Virginia School of Law; and,

WHEREAS, after Law School, he served in the United States Army Judge Advocate Corps in New York and Germany and then spent a year as a Newport News Prosecutor before entering private practice; and,

WHEREAS, after 20 years he was appointed a Federal Magistrate Judge to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 1991-2010, where he earned a reputation as a Judge who was “straight-forward in his dealings with attorneys, litigants, and colleagues...a person the court could count on when needed”; and,

WHEREAS, his love of the Lord was evident in all aspects of his life as he daily lived his life, and especially in his service to the Church at St. George’s, Newport News, where he served as a Lay Reader, and as a member and Warden of the Vestry; in the Diocese where he served on many Commissions and Committees; and at the national level where he served as a Deputy to General Convention and as a member of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church; and,

WHEREAS, he found a true vocation as he helped to organize and support Chanco on the James in Surry, and as one of the Founders of Camp Wakonda, a summer Day Camp sponsored by the Diocese for kids and families infected or affected by HIV/AIDS, working with this program for 14 years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 129th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the life and witness of James E. Bradberry who truly lived the Jesus Way of Love during a life filled with laughter, love, compassion, honor, and integrity; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of James E. Bradberry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council, and that a copy be sent to his children, Sean and Casey.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

THE REVEREND DOCTOR JAMES RUSSELL HENRY

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call The Reverend Doctor James Russel Henry to his heavenly home on August 21, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, James was born in Athens, Georgia, the son of Jones Wesley Henry, Jr. and Elizabeth Jones Henry; and,

WHEREAS, he was commissioned in 1962 as 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army and served in the Reserve until 1968; and,

WHEREAS, he graduated from the University of Georgia in 1962, Virginia Theological Seminary with a Master's in Divinity in 1965 and a Doctor of Ministry in 1987, and Lynchburg College with a Masters of Education in 1997; and,

WHEREAS, his ministry first brought him to churches in the mountains of northern Georgian before he returned to his home church, Emmanuel Church in Athens, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, he was a faithful servant to Episcopal Churches throughout Virginia, including St. James Episcopal Church in Louisa, Church of the Incarnation in Mineral, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, St. John's Episcopal Church in Bedford, and Christ Episcopal Church in Roanoke; and,

WHEREAS, upon retirement, he became a full-time family counselor with the Bedford Counseling Center, where he became managing director of the Center; and,

WHEREAS, he was an active volunteer in every community where he lived, serving as a police Chaplain, volunteer fireman, Boy Scout troop leader, volunteer genealogist and historian; and,

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife, Nancy, of fifty-one years, his children, and granddaughter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 129th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the dedicated service offered to God's glory by The Reverend Doctor James Russell Henry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his family and loved ones; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to his wife, Nancy.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

THE REVEREND CHARLES MORTON RIDDLE, III, D.MIN.

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call Charles Morton Riddle, III, Priest, to his heavenly home on August 25, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, this native of Danville, Virginia, was born on December 15, 1934, attended Danville schools and excelled in tennis and track; and,

WHEREAS, he continued his athletic career at the University of Virginia, earning 6 varsity letters in track and cross country, and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1957; and,

WHEREAS, Charles Morton Riddle, III, received his commission in the United States Marine Corps as an Infantry Officer where he served in the highest traditions of the Marine Corps on active duty for 3 years, and then in the Reserves, retiring in 1965 with the rank of Captain; and,

WHEREAS, he responded to God's call to ordained ministry; and,

WHEREAS, he obtained his Master in Divinity degree in 1963, and his Doctor in Ministry degree in 1985 from the Virginia Theological Seminary; and,

WHEREAS, he was ordained Deacon in 1963, and Priest in 1964, by Bishop David Shepherd Rose; and,

WHEREAS, he served God in Southern Virginia as Curate at Trinity Church, Portsmouth, 1963-1966, and as Rector at Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach, 1971-1986, after having served as Rector at Calvary Church, Tarboro, North Carolina, 1966-1971; and,

WHEREAS, while Rector at Eastern Shore Chapel, he was pleased to hire the first woman Priest in the Diocese of Southern Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, he answered God's call to serve in the Diocese of West Tennessee as Rector at Grace – St. Luke's Church, Memphis, 1986-1991, and as Chair of the Commission on Ministry, 1990-1991; and,

WHEREAS, he answered God's call to Interim Ministry, serving as Interim Rector at several parishes in North Carolina and Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, He served God in the larger Church community as a Deputy to General Convention in 1979 where he voted in favor of the "New" Book of Common Prayer, and served a term as the alumni representative on the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Theological Seminary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 129th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the significant and faith filled witness offered to the Glory of God by Charles Morton Riddle, III, during 57 years of ordained ministry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Charles Morton Riddle, III; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council, and that a copy be sent to his beloved wife, Patricia.

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND RAYMOND A. NELSON**

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Raymond Nelson to his heavenly home on November 4, 2020; and,
- WHEREAS,** Ray was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1932, the son Raymond and Georgina Nelson; and,
- WHEREAS,** after graduating with honors for Poly Prep County Day School in Brooklyn, he did his undergraduate work at Williams College and graduate studies at Harvard University, earning the distinction of Phi Beta Kappa from each; and,
- WHEREAS,** he married Rosemary Davenport King on August 13, 1953, a union producing four children; and,
- WHEREAS,** Ray answered God's call to the ordained ministry and entered The Episcopal Divinity School, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 1960; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Rt. Rev. George E. Rath ordained Ray a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on October 9, 1966 and The Rt. Rev. Leland Stark ordained him a Priest on December 1 of the following year; and,
- WHEREAS,** during his ministry Ray served as Headmaster of eleven different independent schools in the United States and Europe, including Trinity Episcopal School in Richmond, VA; and
- WHEREAS,** he helped Trinity Episcopal School to flourish, introducing a much admired International Baccalaureate Diploma Program to the school; and,
- WHEREAS,** Ray was licensed to serve in fifteen Episcopal dioceses in the United States and Europe; and,
- WHEREAS,** he received letters of commendation from seven bishops and equivalent letters from Ambassadors in Switzerland, Cyprus, and Korea; and
- WHEREAS,** after the end of his first marriage, Ray met and married Mimi Van Swell, giving rise to a joyful partnership of forty years; and
- WHEREAS,** Ray served as the Rector of St. Barnabas Church in Richmond from 2014 until his passing; and,

WHEREAS, he was blessed with a remarkable singing voice and a penchant for languages;
and,

WHEREAS, he loved golf and learning, being “A teacher to all, guided by hope and humor,
boundless mind and grace”; and

WHEREAS, Ray is remembered for his lightheartedness, kindness, and caring nature; and,

WHEREAS, Ray is survived by his first wife and their four children, his second wife and a
step-daughter, and nine grandchildren; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 129th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks
for the lifetime of dedicated service, including fifty-four years in the ordained
ministry, offered to God’s glory by The Reverend Raymond A. Nelson; and be it
further

RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council
and that copies be sent to his wife, Mimi Van Swall Nelson, his children,
Raymond Nelson, Jr., Kristin Foster, Christopher Nelson, and Todd Nelson, and
to his stepdaughter, Leigh Van Swall.

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
THE REVEREND GEORGE DONALD BLACK**

WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call George Donald Black to his heavenly home on January 5, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Don was born on April 29, 1935 in Swainsboro, GA, the son of George and Runelle Black; and,

WHEREAS, he studied for two years at the University of Georgia prior to joining the Navy, where he specialized in Naval Aviation and surface fleet combat intelligence; and,

WHEREAS, while stationed in Norfolk he discerned a call to the ordained ministry and enrolled at the University of Richmond to complete his undergraduate studies, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree; and,

WHEREAS, Don answered God's call to the ordained ministry and enrolled in Sewanee: The University of the South Theological Seminary, earning a degree in Master of Divinity degree in 1963; and,

WHEREAS, The Rt. Rev. David Shepherd Rose ordained Don a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 27, 1963 and The Rt. Rev. George P. Gunn ordained him a Priest on June 11 of the following year; and,

WHEREAS, two days after being ordained to the diaconate, Don married his University of Richmond sweetheart Suzanne DuPuy on June 29, 1963, a union producing two sons, Matthew and Edward; and

WHEREAS, Don was a curate at the Church of the Ascension in Norfolk prior to accepting a call to serve as the rector of St. James' Church in Accomac and St. George's Church in Pungoteague in 1965; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Don accepted the call to be the founding rector of St. Mathias' Church in Midlothian, nurturing the congregation through the early stages of its growth and development; and,

WHEREAS, Don accepted a call to serve as the rector of Christ Church in Blacksburg in 1978, before moving back to the Peach State and serving several congregations there; and

WHEREAS, Don's exhibited his love of learning by maintaining a close relationship with Sewanee, which led to a fellowship in 1972, a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1990 and being honored with the prestigious DuBose Award in 2005 as recognition of his distinguished ministry in and for the Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, in life Don enjoyed music, football, golf, and sailing, but most of all spending time with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, he was proceeded in death by Suzanne, his wife of fifty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Don is survived by his sons and their spouses, seven grandchildren, and Marny Busbin, a beloved companion; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 129th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including fifty-seven years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend George Donald Black; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that copies be sent to his sons, Matthew Black of Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Edward Black of Marietta, Georgia.