## **RESOLUTION 2022-01**

A Resolution of Thanksgiving for the Life and Ministry of The Rev'd Canon Charles Thomas Midyette, III November 28, 1940 - June 1, 2020

WHEREAS, The Rev'd Canon Tom Midyette was raised in New Bern and as a youth played the organ in Christ Church in that city, and thereafter graduated from the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, and earned his Master in Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, and

WHEREAS, Canon Midyette spent the next 40 years of his life as an Episcopal priest in North Carolina, including service as Rector of St. Paul's, Clinton (1968-1971); Rector of St. Paul's, Beaufort (1971-1978); and concluding as Rector of St. Paul's, Greenville (1994-2004), touching many lives, saving lives and building bridges to help his parishioners and others to see God's work here on earth, and

**WHEREAS,** During his tenure as Rector of St. Phillip's, Durham, (1978-1994) Canon Midyette started the Urban Ministry Center there and took HIV/AIDS patients into his home during the peak of that crisis, and

**WHEREAS,** Subsequently, as Rector of St. Paul's, Greenville, Canon Midyette led the parish in building a new church containing a world-class organ, and

**WHEREAS,** After his retirement from the active priesthood, Canon Midyette continued to pursue his love of music by serving as Music Director and Organist at St. Andrew's, Morehead City, and

**WHEREAS,** Canon Midyette served as Canon Theologian of the Diocese of East Carolina for three years, and received an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2002; and

WHEREAS, On August 14, 2021, the ashes of Canon Midyette were committed to God and the earth in dual services at St. Paul's, Greenville, and St. Paul's, Beaufort,

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,** that this One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina give thanks to God for the extraordinary gifts of time, talent, love, common sense and treasure that Tom Midyette gave so gladly to his parishes and to all whose lives he touched, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the convention directs the secretary of the convention to convey copies of this resolution to the family of The Rev'd Canon Charles Thomas Midyette, III.

Adopted the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022 by the 139<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina.

Shurley Ray Weddle Secretary of Convention