

**COURTESY RESOLUTION**  
**THE RIGHT REVEREND HERMAN HOLLERITH IV**

**WHEREAS,** Herman “Holly” Hollerith IV was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 11, 1983 and a Priest on December 10th of that same year; and,

**WHEREAS,** he went on to serve churches in the Commonwealth of Virginia and one other “foreign” state (the sojourn in South Carolina being forgiven as it was the incomparable Lizzie’s home); and,

**WHEREAS,** he returned to Virginia to serve as the Rector of Bruton Parish Church in 1999, and while in that position served the Diocese of Southern Virginia in a number of capacities; and,

**WHEREAS,** Holly was elected 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia on September 27, 2008 and consecrated in Williamsburg on February 13, 2009; and,

**WHEREAS,** he made visitations around the diocese, taking great enjoyment in sampling the various offerings at every church dinner and potluck; and,

**WHEREAS,** he confounded waitresses with his pectoral cross (“la-di-da” said one); and,

**WHEREAS,** he helped move the diocese toward outwardly focused mission, greater engagement with the Episcopal Church, and stronger relationships among clergy, laity, and diocesan staff; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Rt. Rev. Herman “Holly” Hollerith IV has tendered his resignation as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, effective December 31, 2018; and,

**WHEREAS,** this council can now look forward to the christening of the first vessel in the Hollerith steam navy; and,

**WHEREAS,** this body presents Holly with this bottle of champagne for the christening of said vessel;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that this 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for his dedicated service, including nearly ten years as Diocesan Bishop, offered to God’s glory by The Rt. Rev. Herman “Holly” Hollerith IV; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this council extends all our good wishes and prayers to Holly, to Lizzie, and to Eloise their lab in the next part of their journey; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Holly and Lizzie Hollerith.

Submitted by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southern Virginia