

2019 COURTESY RESOLUTION-2
IN APPRECIATION AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR CHATHAM HALL

WHEREAS, Chatham Hall, the only all-girls boarding school in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, has faithfully and creatively lived into its mission of education for 125 years; and

WHEREAS, as Chatham Hall received its charter from the General Assembly on Feb. 24th, 1894 as Chatham Female Episcopal Institute, later Chatham Episcopal Institute and, in 1927, Chatham Hall; and

WHEREAS, the people of Emmanuel Episcopal Church and the new Diocese of Southern Virginia embraced the Rev. C. Orlando Pruden's vision of educating young women; and

WHEREAS the vision of Episcopal schools today is more than to educate, but to demonstrate and proclaim the unique worth and beauty of all human beings as creations of a loving, empowering God; and

WHEREAS, Chatham Hall is about "the whole girl" – intellectual, moral, athletic and spiritual and is strengthened by an Episcopal identity that is distinctive in its inclusivity and intentional pluralism; and

WHEREAS, in being an Episcopal school, Chatham Hall sees its life through the prism of our Baptismal Covenant, especially in *striving for justice and peace among all people and respecting the dignity of every human being*; and

WHEREAS, the Honor Code is a vital tradition at Chatham Hall challenging every person to live each day with integrity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this 127th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia extend its grateful appreciation to the faculty and staff Chatham Hall for their dedication to "Empower girls to better the world"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council give thanks for all Episcopal Schools, especially honoring Chatham Hall in its 125th anniversary year; 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 Chatham Hall.