

RESOLUTION B-182

COMMEMORATION OF THE RIGHT REV. BARBARA HARRIS

Submitted by Standing Committee

BE IT RESOLVED that this 182nd Convention of the Diocese of Missouri directs the Secretary of Convention to forward the following Resolution and Explanation (italicized below) to the Secretary of the 80th General Convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of this Convention also be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Resolutions Committee of Province V for consideration by the Provincial Synod on April 29-30, 2022;

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, that the 80th General Convention include and enter Barbara Clementine Harris, Bishop, to the Calendar of the Church year to be celebrated annually on March 13.

EXPLANATION

Barbara Clementine Harris (1930-2020) was ordained to the diaconate in 1979 and to the priesthood in 1980. She was elected Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts in 1988 and consecrated on February 11, 1989. She was the first woman to be consecrated as a bishop in The Episcopal Church and, as a consequence, in the entire Anglican Communion.

The Right Reverend Harris fought for civil rights and was respected for her tireless advocacy of racial and sexual justice both within the church and outside of it. She was also active in peace and prison ministries.

The date of March 13th celebrates her departure from this life and her entrance into glory.