

CR-3a Ms. Gladys Lewis (amended)

**Honoring the Christian Service of the late Gladys Lewis,
parishioner of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Richmond**

Whereas, Gladys Lewis was an active and devoted member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church and a committed leader of the first order, having served the Episcopal Church at the parish, regional, national and international levels. Gladys represented the Diocese of Virginia in her travels to South Africa and Liverpool, England. The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) was also dear to her heart. In 2004, Gladys received the National Achievement Award from the UBE; and

Whereas, Gladys faithfully led the Girl Scouts Troop with Anna Washington at St. Philip's for more than 50 years. She began in 1957 and held positions at all levels of scouting for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Her awards included Commissioners Award, Legacy Award Thanks-2 Badge, and numerous certificates of appreciation and other commendations. The Campus Girl Scouts at Virginia Union University were organized and certified under her leadership; and

Whereas, Gladys lent her considerable skills to her Diocese and community as a member of the Diocesan Race and Reconciliation Committee, on the Executive Board of the Episcopal Church Women, Virginia Chapter of the National Caucus on Black Aged (Senior Connections), Church Women United, and Society of the Companions for the Holy Cross; and

Whereas, she was a longtime and faithful member of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Commission of the Diocese of Virginia; and

Whereas, she lived out her baptismal covenant in service to girls in our Northside Richmond community through her leadership of the St. Philip's Girl Scouts Troop, and her humble support of numerous other charitable organizations; and

Whereas, her life of service and devotion to her Lord and Savior was exemplary and worthy of a perpetual memorial;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that this 226th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia joins with the clergy, laity and staff of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Richmond in honoring the Christian service of Gladys Lewis.

Submitted by the Rev. Marlene E. Forrest and the Vestry of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Richmond