

**CR – 1 Donald Richard “Dick” Moomaw**

Whereas, Donald Richard “Dick” Moomaw, retired Executive Director of Shrine Mont, peacefully departed this life on April 26, 2022; and

Whereas, Dick Moomaw was a true son of Orkney Springs and Shenandoah County, enjoying fully a life of civic participation, active mountain sportsmanship, hoary local tradition, and the warm company of friends and family; and

Whereas, Dick Moomaw served honorably in the United States Army following his graduation from Triplett High School in Mount Jackson; and

Whereas, Dick returned home and married the love of his life, Thelma Funkhouser, to whom he was married for 64 years and 51 weeks; and

Whereas, with his wife, Thelma, he raised three children, Jennifer, Karen, and Kevin, and was the beloved grandfather to his grandchildren, William and Thomas Gregory, Lucy and Lettie Rose, and Margaret and Elizabeth Moomaw; and

Whereas, after spending his early career with the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company in Northern Virginia, Dick returned to Orkney Springs in 1973 to become the Assistant Director of Shrine Mont, where he worked under the kind, if watchful, eye of his father Wilmer E. Moomaw; and

Whereas Dick became the Executive Director of Shrine Mont upon the retirement of his father in 1988; and

Whereas, with his brother John, Dick led Shrine Mont through a period of significant programmatic growth and success, all while holding dear the traditions that make Shrine Mont the beloved “Place Apart” it is to this day; and

Whereas, generations of Shrine Mont visitors were warmly greeted by Dick (usually) and Thelma (without fail); and

Whereas, Dick’s model of service has been passed on to his entire family, including especially his son Kevin who has served as executive director of Shrine Mont since Dick’s retirement in 2007 and who, with his wife Mary and the larger Moomaw family, continues to carry on Dick’s legacy of steadfast stewardship of Shrine Mont for the Diocese of Virginia; and

Whereas, Dick Moomaw was known by thousands upon thousands of retreat and conference attendees, campers, and August vacation families as a quiet, kind, and thoughtful leader to whom many owe their transformative Shrine Mont experiences and who always welcomed them home to Shrine Mont; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 228<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia gives thanks to God for the life and example of Donald Richard Moomaw as a disciple of Jesus, a faithful servant to the Church, and a friend to all; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this 228<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention directs the Secretary to send a presentation copy of this resolution to his wife, Thelma, care of Shrine Mont, PO Box 10, Orkney Springs, Virginia.

Faithfully Submitted by  
Shrine Mont's Board of Directors