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The Committee recommends the **adoption** of R-4.

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Whereas, the annals of history have repeatedly ignored the achievements of women, and

Whereas, the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia seeks to redress past wrongs and to move forward more equitably, and

Whereas, Susan E. Goff was elected by the Diocese of Virginia to the office of Bishop, and

Whereas, upon the retirement of Shannon S. Johnston as the 13th Bishop Diocesan of Virginia on November 3, 2018, Bishop Suffragan Goff was empowered to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, and

Whereas, from November 4, 2018 until December 4, 2022 in the role of Ecclesiastical Authority, Bishop Goff has carried on the work of the 13 Bishops Diocesan who have led our Diocese since 1785, and

Whereas, on June 4, 2022 the Diocese of Virginia met in Alexandria and elected the Rev. Canon E. Mark Stevenson to be its next Bishop Diocesan, and

Whereas, the Diocese of Virginia looks forward to Bishop-Elect Stevenson's consecration on December 3, 2022 and his ministry as our Bishop Diocesan, and

Whereas, the Canons of our Diocese of Virginia and of The Episcopal Church do not provide a process for renumbering the succession of those who serve as Bishop Diocesan of Virginia,

Therefore be it

Resolved, by the 228th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, that in all narrative and pictorial histories produced by our Diocese, Susan E. Goff be recognized in the succession of diocesan Episcopal leadership between Shannon S. Johnston and E. Mark Stevenson.