

CR-4 Thanks for the Life and Service of Henry Lee Valentine II

Whereas, Henry Valentine II was a lifelong member of St. James's Church in Richmond and died peacefully at his home with family September 21, 2023 at the age of 96, survived by his wife of 68 years Peggy, their four children, eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren (with one more on the way) and

Whereas, "Big Henry", as he was affectionately known, served his Parish in innumerable ways including vestryman, chairman of the endowment board, generous donor, and quiet confidant to seven rectors during his adult life and

Whereas, Henry served his investment clients, employees, and the business community with honesty and integrity at Davenport and Company – eventually as long-time Chairman – from 1950 to 2021 and

Whereas, in 1970 Henry was elected to Richmond City Council and served eight years, two as Vice Mayor (while also CEO and president of Davenport), providing strong and steady leadership during this pivotal era in the city's political history, believing then, as he did to the day he died, that Richmond's future would hinge on inclusion, collaboration, and understanding across all the city's population and

Whereas in pursuit of this goal, Henry joined a racially balanced group of Richmond's business, religious, education, community, and political leaders to establish Richmond Renaissance, which he served as a board member for 15 years, including as president, and

Whereas, Henry also chaired the board or was president of the Children's Hospital of Richmond, Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia, Richmond Eye and Ear Hospital, Richmond Tennis Patrons' Association, St. Andrews Association, St. Catherine's School, the UVA Alumni Association, the United Givers Fund, the Valentine, and Woodberry Forest School and

Whereas, in 1996, the National Conference of Christians and Jews awarded him its Humanitarian Award for promoting equality, respect, and understanding among people of all races, religions, and cultures, and in 2010, he was inducted into the Greater Richmond Business Hall of Fame and

Whereas, Henry never met a stranger, loving his friends as openly and deeply as his family, truly living out his Baptismal Covenant to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being" for nearly a century, therefore be it

Resolved, that the 229th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia expresses its heartfelt thanks for the life and service of Henry Lee Valentine II and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to his beloved Peggy and that it be recorded in the minutes of the 229th Annual Convention.

Submitted by Tom Baker, Parishioner and Standing Committee member, Penny Nash, Interim Rector, and the Vestry on behalf of the clergy, staff, and members of St. James's Richmond.