

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #4:

RESOLUTION UPON THE RETIREMENT OF DR. CLEVELAND SELLERS, PRESIDENT OF VOORHEES COLLEGE

RESOLVED, that The Episcopal Church of South Carolina, meeting in convention on November 14, 2015,

wishes to express its profound gratitude to Dr. Cleveland Sellers for the example his life has been for all of us, and to express thanksgiving for a life lived with courage, integrity and grace.

And we ask that the Secretary of the Convention send him and the Executive Council a copy of this resolution.

Explanation:

Cleveland Sellers worked as an advocate for justice and human rights, risking his life by marching across Mississippi, enduring the tension of segregation and the fury of oppression, being wounded and serving seven months in jail as a result of leading protests against segregation in Orangeburg, for which he received a full pardon twenty-five years later.

These experiences were the catalyst for a life-changing decision to complete his education by earning his bachelor's degree from Howard University, a master's degree in education from Harvard University, and a doctorate in education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Dr. Sellers then moved his civil rights battle to the classroom by educating young people, serving at the University of South Carolina both as director of the African-American Studies Program and as a teacher in the Department of History, before becoming President of Voorhees College in 2008.

He has faithfully served The Episcopal Church as warden of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Denmark, South Carolina, as a board member of the Episcopal Church Foundation, and as President of Voorhees College for more than seven years.

He will retire as President of Voorhees College at the end of the 2015-2016 academic year.

Movers:

Resolutions Committee