

**Courtesy Resolution Recognizing the Ministry of Robert Stevens
For Consideration at the 2019 Mid-year Meeting of the Dominican Development Group**

Whereas, Dr. Robert “Bob” Stevens, founding director of the Dominican Development Group from 1998-2013, having completed over two decades of service and ministry with the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic, died on July 28, 2019; and

Whereas, Bob Stevens dedicated his life to the service of God and to the Episcopal Church and in 1998 helped to found the Dominican Development Group, which has since sent hundreds of mission teams to the Dominican Republic, has assisted the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic with project planning, program development, and construction expertise, and has raised over \$9 million in order to achieve self-sufficiency for the diocese; and

Whereas, Bob Stevens previously served as planning and development officer for the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic from 1993-97; and

Whereas, Bob Stevens previously served in the Peace Corps in Guatemala, worked as the first Director of Operations for Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Georgia and worked for both the Southern Institute for Appropriate Technology and Church World Service; and

Whereas, Bob Stevens, in retirement, was instrumental in establishing the Province IX Development Group with the goal of supporting the development and self-sufficiency of the other dioceses of Province IX, using the proven model of the Dominican Development Group, and served as its founding director; and

Whereas, the Board of Directors of the Dominican Development Group, the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic, and the entire Episcopal Church will miss him greatly but celebrates with gratitude the impact he has made on the people of the Dominican Republic and the wonderful legacy he has left; and

Now, be it therefore resolved, that the Dominican Development Group thanks Dr. Robert “Bob” Stevens for his faithful ministry and service, and commends its prayers for continued service to all and for his family, Vickie, Michelle, Jeremy, Eric, Tan, Doug, and grandchildren; and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be provided to The Right Reverend Moisés Quezada Mota of the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic and to all the bishops of the companion dioceses, and that it be recorded in the minutes of the 2019 mid-year meeting of the Dominican Development Group.

Submitted on behalf of the Dominican Development Group by the Reverend Ed Miller, President, Bill Kunkle, Executive Director, the Reverend Jason Roberson, Secretary, and the Board of Directors of the Dominican Development Group on this day, September 23, 2019.