The Committee on Resolutions, The Rev. Scott Jones, Chair, presents the following resolution for consideration by the 57th Diocesan Convention and recommends adoption.

57th Diocesan Convention 2017-3

2017 Resolution

TITLE: Designating St Paul’s, Tombstone “A Distinguished Historic Mission”

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Organization/Church: Tombstone Project Group

City: Tombstone

Signature of Submitter: Endicott Peabody, IV and Bishop Kirk Stevan Smith

BE IT RESOLVED: That St Paul’s Episcopal Church in Tombstone, Arizona be designated a “Distinguished Historic Congregation” of the Diocese of Arizona; and be it further resolved that Arizona congregations publicize the status of St Paul’s through website links and by encouraging parishioners to make pilgrimage visits to the church.

BE IT RESOLVED: Be it also resolved that the Diocese commits itself to support St Paul’s through financial and volunteer support.

Explanation: St Paul’s Church Tombstone this year celebrates its 135 years of continuous mission and ministry (making it not only the oldest Episcopal Church building in the Diocese, but also the oldest Protestant Church in the State of Arizona). And St Paul’s is recognized as a historic building both on the National Register of Historic Places as well as the Arizona register as a church whose history is intimately involved with that of our nation and state. The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona is blessed to have this wonderful church as part of our ministry. The preservation of the building and its congregation is very important to the history of our diocese. This investment now will help assure that the establishment of St Paul’s as an historic congregation will be sustainable into the future. St Paul’s in the process of actively exploring ways to expand its visibility and activity in the community, state,
and nation through increased advertising and public relations through the creation of a Tombstone Project Group made up of local parishioners and outside consultants.

Funding Implications: The Diocese will support the costs of additional publicity advertising and administrative activities up to $10,000 for the budget year 2019, to be reviewed annually by the Standing Committee.