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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 160

Offered February 20, 2018

*Commending the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty.*

Patrons—Deeds; Delegate: Cline

WHEREAS, for 20 years, the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty has prepared students to address the problem of poverty as future professionals and citizens by expanding and improving opportunities to study the meaning, causes, and consequences of poverty in a wide range of disciplines; and

WHEREAS, Washington and Lee University, through the leadership of Professor Harlan R. Beckley, President John W. Elrod, and Thomas R. Shepherd, Class of 1952, and his spouse the Reverend Nancy Shepherd, established the Shepherd Program for the study of poverty in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Washington and Lee University, Berea College, and Spelman College formed the Shepherd Alliance in 1998 to introduce new educational opportunities in poverty studies, including summer internships for students to serve the least well off members of society and to learn from organizations that provide community support; and

WHEREAS, through the support of private donors, federal grants, and nearly 20 foundations, including the Corella & Bertram F. Bonner Foundation and the Charles A. Frueauff Foundation, the Shepherd Alliance grew to become the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty in 2012, and continues to support poverty studies programs at 25 colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty, under the leadership of Harlan R. Beckley, its visionary founding executive director, has mentored more than 1,000 summer interns from over 35 schools in partnership with over 150 community agencies in 25 states during the past 20 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty for 20 years of outstanding leadership in alleviating poverty through higher education; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Harlan R. Beckley, founding executive director of the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the consortium's many contributions to the Commonwealth and best wishes for future success.

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