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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 127

Offered February 14, 2019

*Commending Bishop Leon Benjamin.*

Patron—Chase

WHEREAS, Bishop Leon Benjamin, senior pastor of New Life Harvest Church and an active civic leader, has worked to support and enhance the Richmond community for many years; and

WHEREAS, Leon Benjamin served his country as a member of the United States Navy, participating in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, before answering the call to ministry in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Leon Benjamin was ordained under the Potter's House International Pastoral Alliance and leads the congregation of New Life Harvest Church in Richmond, where he established the Kingdompreneur Now! program to assist developing entrepreneurs who are guided by their faith; and

WHEREAS, working with public officials and civic leaders, Leon Benjamin has supported meaningful reform in the areas of education, business development, and economic revitalization to build a stronger community; and

WHEREAS, Leon Benjamin has facilitated mentorship programs and community development initiatives through his work with the Virginia Department of Health, the Governor's office, the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority; and

WHEREAS, Leon Benjamin serves and inspires young people through his participation in programs at Richmond Public Schools, and he currently operates a daycare and learning center in Southside Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Leon Benjamin has also proven himself an active and effective leader in times of crisis, working with the Richmond Police Department as a faith initiative representative who offers prayer and comfort to members of the community when needed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Bishop Leon Benjamin hereby be commended for his legacy of contributions to the Richmond community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bishop Leon Benjamin as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his civic and spiritual leadership.

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