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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 128

Offered February 14, 2019

*Celebrating the life of the Honorable Robert Elson Russell, Sr.*

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Robert Elson Russell, Sr., a former member of the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia and a respected member of the North Chesterfield community, died on January 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Robert "Bob" Russell graduated from Park View High School, where he honed his leadership skills as class president, and earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech); and

WHEREAS, Bob Russell worked as a commercial real estate agent, mortgage broker, and income property consultant; desirous to be of further service to the community, he ran for and was elected to the House of Delegates in 1981; and

WHEREAS, after serving one term in the House of Delegates, Bob Russell was elected to the Senate of Virginia, representing the residents of the 11th District, and took office in 1984; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his 10-year career in the Senate of Virginia, Bob Russell introduced and supported numerous important pieces of legislation to benefit all Virginians and offered his leadership and expertise to several committees; and

WHEREAS, Bob Russell was a member of Metropolitan Masonic Lodge No. 11 and Acca Temple Shrine in Richmond and was appointed to serve his alma mater as a member of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors for two four-year terms from 1971 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Bob Russell served the Commonwealth and his community with the utmost integrity, dedication, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Bob Russell will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by numerous family members, friends, and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Honorable Robert Elson Russell, Sr., a respected public servant; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Honorable Robert Elson Russell, Sr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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