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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 180

Offered February 26, 2020

Celebrating the life of the Reverend Dr. Dimitri R. Bradley.

Patrons—McClellan and Morrissey; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Bagby, Bourne and Willett

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Dimitri R. Bradley, who provided spiritual leadership to thousands of members of the community as the founder and pastor of City Church of Richmond, died on November 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, born in Richmond and raised in Henrico, Dimitri Bradley graduated from Manchester High School before earning a bachelor's degree in risk management from Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, in the first half of his career, Dimitri Bradley went from being a hot dog vendor to a regional manager with Bank of America, demonstrating both his impressive talents and his willingness to work hard to succeed; and

WHEREAS, answering the call to serve his faith later in life, Dimitri Bradley was ordained by Pastor Randy Gilbert at Faith Landmarks Ministries on November 15, 1998; and

WHEREAS, that same year, Dimitri Bradley cofounded Mt. Gerizim World Outreach Ministries with his wife, Nicole; starting with 12 people in their living room, the Bradleys would quickly grow their congregation into one of the largest in the Richmond area; and

WHEREAS, over time, Mt. Gerizim World Outreach Ministries became City Church of Richmond, which now operates in two locations and provides worship services for more than 4,000 members; and

WHEREAS, Dimitri Bradley always promoted an inclusive and accepting environment at City Church of Richmond, welcoming people from all walks of life to join the congregation and find inspiration in his sermons; and

WHEREAS, Dimitri Bradley will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Nicole; his children, Jordan and Julius; his parents, Delois and John; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the passing of the Reverend Dr. Dimitri R. Bradley, who touched countless lives in Richmond as both a pastor and a friend; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Reverend Dr. Dimitri R. Bradley as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.