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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 247

Offered March 2, 2020

*Celebrating the life of the Reverend Dr. Levy M. Armwood, Jr.*

Patrons—McClellan; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Bagby and Carr

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Levy M. Armwood, Jr., an esteemed educator and beloved former pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Richmond, died on February 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Howard University, Levy Armwood enjoyed a 32-year career as a music educator for Richmond Public Schools, teaching at eight city schools, including Thomas Jefferson High School, where he ultimately retired in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Levy Armwood's career in ministry began when he became the director of the Ebenezer Baptist Church's sanctuary choir in 1968; three years later, he was the church's minister of music, a position he held for many years and from which he inspired innumerable parishioners; and

WHEREAS, Levy Armwood was licensed as a minister in 1982 and received master's and doctoral degrees in divinity from Virginia Union University; while completing his education, he served as pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Ashland from 1992 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, Levy Armwood took the helm at Ebenezer Baptist Church in 2003, providing spiritual guidance, generous outreach, and opportunities for joyful worship to hundreds of members of the Richmond community; and

WHEREAS, Levy Armwood will be fondly remembered by his loving wife, Cookie; 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 loss of the Reverend Dr. Levy M. Armwood, Jr., who touched countless lives in the Greater Richmond area as an admired educator and spiritual leader; 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. Levy M. Armwood, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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