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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 182

Offered February 23, 2023

*Commending Bishop Jeffrey L. Reaves.*

Patron—Morrissey

WHEREAS, Bishop Jeffrey L. Reaves, an esteemed faith leader and senior minister of Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Petersburg, has provided joyful and uplifting spiritual counsel to his congregation and served the community through various outreach initiatives; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from New York City Public Schools, Jeffrey Reaves furthered his education at Bronx Community College, Virginia State University, the New York Theological Seminary, and the University of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, accepting the call to the ministry in the fall of 1977 and licensed in January 1978, Jeffrey Reaves has been preaching the gospel for more than 41 years and pastoring for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Reaves has provided wise and compassionate leadership to the congregations at Sharon Baptist Church in the Bronx, New York; Little Zion Baptist Church in Carson; and the Good Shepherd Baptist Church in Petersburg, where he has served as senior minister for the past 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Reaves has served on the board level of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia in the areas of Christian education and evangelism; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Reaves has been the recipient of numerous awards throughout his ministerial career; in July 2016, the Global United Fellowship and its presiding prelate, Bishop Neil C. Ellis, consecrated Jeffrey Reaves to the office of Bishop in the Lord's Church; and

WHEREAS, in every aspect of his life, Jeffrey Reaves exudes a servant's heart and is a source of inspiration, stability, and spiritual guidance to countless members of the Petersburg community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Bishop Jeffrey L. Reaves hereby be commended for his legacy of service as a faith leader in Petersburg; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bishop Jeffrey L. Reaves as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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