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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 187

Offered February 23, 2023

Commending Guy King Tower.

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WHEREAS, Guy King Tower, an esteemed former attorney, mediator, educator, association executive, and public servant, stepped down from the Virginia Beach City Council on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Guy Tower assumed office to represent the Beach District on April 23, 2019, filling a vacancy on the Virginia Beach City Council, and on November 5, 2019, he was elected for a new term; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Virginia Beach City Council, Guy Tower served his constituents with great dedication and concern for their success and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Guy Tower served on various boards and commissions as the Virginia Beach City Council's liaison to the City of Virginia Beach's Audit Committee, Advertising Advisory Commission, Atlantic Park Community Development Authority, Old Beach Design Review Board, Resort Advisory Commission, and Towing Advisory Board, as well as the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and the Something in the Water Festival; and

WHEREAS, Guy Tower is a founding member of The McCammon Group, which provides mediation, arbitration, and other private dispute resolution services and is the largest organization of its kind in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Guy Tower's previous professional positions include executive director for the Virginia Bar Association; director of educational services for the Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia; shareholder and director at Kaufman & Canoles, P.C.; adjunct faculty at The College of William and Mary and Old Dominion University; partner and associate at what was formerly Hunton & Williams; and tax attorney for Norfolk and Western Railway Company; and

WHEREAS, Guy Tower has given generously of his time in service to the community as a charter member of the Virginia African American Cultural Center, a member of the Virginia Bar Association's Committee on Special Issues of National and State Importance, and on the boards of the Virginia Beach Library Foundation, Virginia Opera, Fort Norfolk Retirement Community, Inc., and the Democratic Business Alliance of South Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, Guy Tower has provided exemplary leadership as vice-chair of the Virginia Beach Public Library Board, chair of the Old Dominion University School of Business and Public Administration's Advisory Council, and member of the board of directors of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Guy King Tower hereby be commended for his legacy of service as a member of the Virginia Beach City Council; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Guy King Tower as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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