

1           A RESOLUTION recognizing the renaming of the Christian Life Center at First  
2 Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, to the Dr. Bernard T. Bishop Christian Life  
3 Center.

4           WHEREAS, on April 14, 2019, the community at First Baptist Church in  
5 Elizabethtown, Kentucky, will gather for the renaming and dedication of the Christian  
6 Life Center to the Dr. Bernard T. Bishop Christian Life Center; and

7           WHEREAS, Bernard T. Bishop, the former pastor of First Baptist Church, was born  
8 on May 26, 1933, and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on February 3, 2018; and

9           WHEREAS, Rev. Bishop preached his first sermon in 1955 at Beargrass Baptist  
10 Church in Louisville, Kentucky. He would become pastor of that church in 1960; and

11           WHEREAS, Rev. Bishop was called to be the pastor of First Baptist Church in  
12 Elizabethtown in May 1966, and he served that esteemed church community for 52 years;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, Rev. Bishop often relied on Philippians 4:13, which states, "I can do  
15 all things through Christ who strengthens me"; and

16           WHEREAS, First Baptist Church blossomed under Rev. Bishop's leadership and  
17 guidance. In 1999, the community celebrated the opening of the Vaughn Reno Starks  
18 Community Center, which has hosted several community events; and

19           WHEREAS, Rev. Bishop was a dedicated pastor who was as integral to the  
20 Elizabethtown community as he was to his congregation at First Baptist Church; and

21           WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body honor those faith communities in this  
22 Commonwealth that seek to carry out the Lord's goodwill; and

23           WHEREAS, in so doing, this body honors the community at First Baptist Church in  
24 Elizabethtown on this day, recognizes the profound work Dr. Bernard T. Bishop  
25 accomplished during his time on this earth, and acknowledges the ceremony on April 14  
26 that will see the Christian Life Center renamed as the Dr. Bernard T. Bishop Christian  
27 Life Center;

1           NOW, THEREFORE,

2    *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
3    *Kentucky:*

4           ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize the renaming of the  
5    Christian Life Center at First Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, as the Dr.  
6    Bernard T. Bishop Christian Life Center.

7           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
8    member of Dr. Bernard T. Bishop.

9           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
10   Resolution to Senator Dennis Parrett for delivery.