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**Victory Fund Endorses LGBT History Maker David Richardson
in Race for US Congress in FL-27**

Miami Beach, FL – Today, national LGBT rights advocacy organization Victory Fund endorsed State Rep. David Richardson in the race to succeed outgoing Republican Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen in Florida’s 27th Congressional District. Richardson, who currently represents District 113 in the Florida House of Representatives, is the first-elected openly gay state legislator in the history of Florida. He is one of just five congressional candidates nationwide earning Victory Fund’s support in this round of early endorsements.

“I am thrilled to once again have the support of the Victory Fund,” said Richardson. “They are one of the most significant and effective forces for equality in our country and I know that having them as a partner over the course of the next year of my campaign will be a tremendous asset. As a Member of Congress, I look forward to serving as a strong advocate on the issues we both care so deeply about.”

Aisha Moodie-Mills, Victory Fund’s President & CEO, was also enthusiastic about the partnership: “Victory Fund is excited to throw the full weight of our national grassroots network behind David’s candidacy. He has been a trailblazer on issues pertaining to LGBTQ equality in Tallahassee and now we have the chance to send him to Washington, DC. We’ll be doing everything in our power to ensure he has the resources to succeed.”

Richardson has a distinguished record of delivering results for the LGBT community in his role as a state legislator. His legislative achievements include leading the efforts to remove a forty-year-old ban on gay adoption from Florida statute; securing Florida's first-ever budget appropriation specifically earmarked to benefit the LGBT community; leading the effort to have administrative rules adopted to protect LGBT youth in the state’s foster care and Guardian ad Litem programs; passing the first ever pro-LGBT policy bill out of a legislative committee; pushing the state to permit the names of same-sex parents on the birth certificates of their children; and disposing of discriminatory "bathroom bills" similar to the legislation which made national headlines last year in North Carolina. He has been an active supporter and friend to many organizations working to promote LGBT equality such as Victory Fund, SAVE, the Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, the Alliance for GLBTQ Youth, and others. Richardson is slated to appear on the Democratic primary ballot on August 28th, 2018. The general election will follow on November 6th.

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