

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 117

BY REPRESENTATIVES NORTON, BADON, BARROW, WESLEY BISHOP, BROSSETT, BURRELL, COX, DIXON, FRANKLIN, GAINES, HONORE, HUNTER, GIROD JACKSON, KATRINA JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, TERRY LANDRY, PIERRE, PRICE, SMITH, THIERRY, ALFRED WILLIAMS, AND PATRICK WILLIAMS AND SENATORS BROOME, BROWN, DORSEY-COLOMB, GALLOT, GUILLORY, MORRELL, MURRAY, PETERSON, AND TARVER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of former state representative Danny Mitchell

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences upon the death of the Reverend Danny Mitchell, former state
3 representative for Louisiana House District No. 2.

4 WHEREAS, the members of the Legislature of Louisiana wish to express their
5 heartfelt sorrow upon the departure from this life of the Reverend Danny Mitchell of
6 Shreveport; and

7 WHEREAS, on May 2, 2013, at the age of sixty-nine, Reverend Mitchell exchanged
8 his earthly, temporal life for a glorious, eternal one; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell, beloved husband of Yvonne Moore Mitchell, father
10 of six children and ten grandchildren, was an esteemed public servant who left an indelible
11 mark upon the lives of the citizens of Bossier and Caddo parishes; and

12 WHEREAS, in the early years of his life, Reverend Mitchell developed an
13 appreciation for the rewards of diligence by working as a caddy at a country club and
14 picking and chopping cotton on a plantation; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell answered the first call to government service by
16 enlisting in the Air Force, where he served honorably from 1964 through 1968; and

17 WHEREAS, while in the military, Reverend Mitchell enrolled in the University of
18 Maryland and later completed his education at Southern University; and

1 WHEREAS, upon his discharge from the Air Force, Reverend Mitchell procured a
2 job at a clothing store in Shreveport, which he eventually bought, and he opened a second
3 business a short time later; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1976, Reverend Mitchell answered a different call, one to the
5 ministry of God's Word as a preacher and pastor, shepherding New Elizabeth Missionary
6 Baptist Church in Shreveport for many years; and

7 WHEREAS, the second call to government service for Reverend Mitchell came when
8 he ran for and won the Louisiana House District No. 2 seat in 1992 and subsequently won
9 reelection in 1996; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell successfully carried out the concurrent duties of
11 legislator and pastor, and whether in the pulpit in Shreveport or at the state capitol in Baton
12 Rouge, he fought against crime, poverty, and the racial division that he had witnessed
13 throughout his life; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell's particular passion against gun crimes and violence
15 led his multiracial congregation to offer summer programs and job-finding aid to youth in
16 his district, which attracted the attention of Governor Edwin W. Edwards, who was the
17 keynote speaker at the eleventh year anniversary, in 1992, of Reverend Mitchell's pastorship
18 of New Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church; and

19 WHEREAS, the death of the Reverend Danny Mitchell has left a void in his church
20 and in the community he served so well and has created a genuine sense of sorrow and loss
21 in the many citizens whose lives he touched.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23 express genuine sorrow upon the death of the Reverend Danny Mitchell and does hereby
24 extend sincere condolences to his family, congregation, and the community as they mourn
25 his departure to his eternal home.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
27 to the family of the Reverend Danny Mitchell.

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