

Senate Resolution 584

By: Senators Tillery of the 19th, Hill of the 4th and Dugan of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Benjamin Mitchell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Benjamin Mitchell on December 6, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, a true public servant and advocate for community service, Benjamin gave
5 inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens;
6 he was a steadfast voice for Lyons, where he served as a member of the Lyons City Council
7 for three decades; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
9 States Military, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the
10 Vietnam War; and

11 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Benjamin Mitchell was an active member of
12 St. Luke AME Church; and

13 WHEREAS, as councilman, Benjamin supported the mayors of Lyons, and he served many
14 terms as mayor pro-tem with admirable devotion, patience, and understanding; and

15 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
16 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
17 made this world a better place in which to live; and

18 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Benjamin Mitchell will long be
19 remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who
20 had the great honor of knowing him.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 join in honoring the life and memory of Benjamin Mitchell and express their deepest and
23 most sincere regret at his passing.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
26 Benjamin Mitchell.