

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 105

BY SENATORS TARVER, ADLEY, BUFFINGTON AND PEACOCK

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Pastor Danny Mitchell.

1 A RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, it is with great sadness and sorrow that the members of the Senate of
6 the Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the passing of Reverend Danny Mitchell of
7 Shreveport, on May 2, 2013, at the age of sixty-nine; and

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

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, upon his discharge from the armed forces, he secured employment at

1 a clothing store in Shreveport, which he eventually bought, and he opened a second business
2 a short time later; and

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

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

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

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

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

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby express sorrow upon the death of the Reverend Danny Mitchell and does hereby
23 extend sincere condolences to his family, congregation, and community.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25 family of the Reverend Danny Mitchell.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

Tarver

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