

## Senate Resolution 107

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th and Carter of the 1st

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Bennie Mitchell, Jr.; 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 Reverend Bennie Mitchell, Jr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell was born on April 24, 1948, in Edgefield, South Carolina,  
5 a beloved son of Mattie and Deacon Bennie R. Mitchell; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from Benedict College, a Master of Divinity  
7 degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center, and an honorary Doctor of Divinity  
8 degree from Mississippi Baptist Seminary; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell served as the manager of the New York Housing Authority  
10 and taught public school in South Carolina and Georgia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, an active community servant, Reverend Mitchell was a member of Savannah's  
12 West Broad Street YMCA Board of Directors, the Savannah Mayor's Council Youth  
13 Program, the Advisory Council Youth Program, the advisory board to the Superintendent of  
14 Education for the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Public Education, and the Savannah  
15 Technical College board of directors; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell was united in love and marriage to his wife, Betty, and was  
17 blessed with three remarkable children, Benita, Bendette, and Bennie III, and three wonderful  
18 grandchildren, Mychal, Ocoee, and L. Lineco; and
- 19 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
20 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
21 family and friends were admired by others; and

22 WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades,  
23 including the Ivan Allen, Jr., Award for Excellence in Human Relations, Outstanding  
24 Georgia Citizen, Omega Man of the Year in 2001, and a Fannie Lou Hamer Award; and

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

28 WHEREAS, whether preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the troubled, baptizing  
29 a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or humanitarian, Reverend  
30 Mitchell served as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

31 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Reverend Mitchell will long be  
32 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather,  
33 and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
35 join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Bennie Mitchell, Jr., and express their  
36 deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
38 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend Bennie Mitchell,  
39 Jr.