

Senate Resolution 1190

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th, James of the 35th, Harbison of the 15th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Irving S. 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 Mr. Irving S. Mitchell on March 8, 2012; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was born and raised in Greensboro, North Carolina, moved to the
5 Atlanta area to attend Morehouse College in 1965, and earned a master's degree in
6 community development from Georgia State University in 1972; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
8 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
9 dramatically by his 25 years of superlative public service; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was vice president of business development for Avion Systems,
11 Inc., and prior to that he was director of business development for former Governor Roy
12 Barnes, served as director of Housing Services for the Georgia Housing and Finance
13 Authority, assistant to the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Human Resources,
14 and operations manager for the 1988 Democratic Convention; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he served the community in numerous activities, including chairman of the
16 board for DeKalb Housing Counseling Center, Canterbury Affordable Housing, Inc., and the
17 Kipp Charter School in East Point; member of the board of the East Lake YMCA, and
18 president of the Arrowood Community Association in East Point; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was united in love and marriage to his college sweetheart, Brenda,
20 and was blessed with two remarkable children, Kobie Mitchell and Faida Mitchell Fuller, and
21 two wonderful grandchildren, Kingston Omari and Taj Imani Fuller; and

22 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
23 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
24 family and friends were admired by others; 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, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Mitchell will long be remembered for
29 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will
30 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Irving S. Mitchell and express their deepest and
33 most sincere regret at his passing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Irving S. Mitchell.