

House Resolution 1671

By: Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd and Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr., and dedicating an intersection in his
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr., demonstrated his commitment to teaching the
4 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell was born in Edgefield, South Carolina and earned a
7 bachelor's degree from Benedict College and a master's degree from Interdenominational
8 Theological Center at Morehouse School of Religion; and

9 WHEREAS, he was called by the Lord in 1974 to lead the congregation of Connor's Temple
10 Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia, where he was responsible for bringing the
11 congregation to the forefront of the Savannah community; and

12 WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell's good works and service to others were recognized through
13 numerous honors, including Omega Man of the Year, the Ivan Allen, Jr., Award for
14 Excellence in Human Relations, WSOK Image Award, and Fannie Lou Hamer Award; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1980, Reverend Mitchell organized the Martin Luther King, Jr., Observance
16 Day Association in Savannah, which was responsible for the city's first Kingfest, including
17 the first MLK parade, and he helped lead the movement to have a major street in Savannah
18 named for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
20 of peace and love be recognized be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection
21 in his memory.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 307 and State Route 25
24 (US-17) in Chatham County is dedicated as the Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell Jr. Memorial
25 Intersection.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell
28 Jr. Memorial Intersection.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 family of Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr., and to the Department of Transportation.