

House Resolution 122

By: Representatives Hugley of the 141st, Reese of the 140th, Smith of the 138th, and Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Dr. Homer Lee Mitchell Sr.; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Reverend Dr. Homer Lee Mitchell Sr. on January 25, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Homer Lee Mitchell Sr. was born on December 19, 1934, in
6 Pittsview, Alabama, a beloved son of Jessie and Bertha Mitchell; and

7 WHEREAS, he began his professional career as a civil service employee at Fort Moore,
8 Georgia, before answering his divine calling to ministry in 1972 and delivering his trial
9 sermon at Antioch Baptist Church in Pittsview; and

10 WHEREAS, his pastoral journey began in 1973 when he was called to lead three
11 churches—Liberty Hill Baptist Church in Phenix City, Alabama; Antioch Baptist Church in
12 Columbus, Georgia; and Rising Star Baptist Church in Marvyn, Alabama—faithfully
13 managing their alternating service schedules before becoming the full-time pastor of Antioch
14 Baptist Church in 1983; and

15 WHEREAS, he ultimately served as pastor of Antioch Baptist Church for 43 years, Rising
16 Star Baptist Church for 28 years, and Liberty Hill Baptist Church for 10 years before his
17 retirement; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to his pastoral service, he held leadership roles in the National
19 Baptist Convention USA, the Phenix City East Alabama Ministerial Alliance, and the Fourth
20 District General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his beloved wife of 57 years, Lucille, and
22 was blessed with four remarkable children, Howard, Homer Jr., Alton, and Shelby; seven
23 wonderful grandchildren; and five outstanding great-grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man who demonstrated his commitment to
25 witnessing Christ through word and deed, Reverend Dr. Homer Lee Mitchell Sr. will long
26 be remembered for his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all
27 who had the great fortune of knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Dr. Homer Lee
30 Mitchell Sr. and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 family of Reverend Dr. Homer Lee Mitchell Sr.