

1 WHEREAS, upon his discharge from the Air Force, Reverend Mitchell procured a
2 job at a clothing store in Shreveport, which he eventually bought, and he opened a second
3 business a short time later; and

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

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

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

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

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

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23 express genuine sorrow upon the death of the Reverend Danny Mitchell and does hereby
24 extend sincere condolences to his family, congregation, and the community as they mourn
25 his departure to his eternal home.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
27 to the family of the Reverend Danny Mitchell.

DIGEST

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