

By: Bumgarner

H.R. No. 1054

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Fred Joseph Mitchell of Lewisville on  
2 April 21, 2025, at the age of 75, brought an immeasurable loss to  
3 his family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Andrew Joe Mitchell and Florence Mayho  
5 Mitchell, Fred Mitchell was born in St. James, Louisiana, on  
6 January 18, 1950, and he grew up with the company of 10 siblings,  
7 Robert, Jimmy, Norman, Katherine, Herbert, Josephine, Charles,  
8 Michael, Marion, and Peter; the family moved to Grapevine before he  
9 entered school, and the girl next door, the former Bobbie Jo Benson,  
10 would become the love of his life; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell attended schools in Grapevine as well  
12 as I. M. Terrell High School in Fort Worth; baptized at St. Francis  
13 of Assisi Catholic Church in Grapevine, he was a faithful  
14 parishioner and served as an altar boy and usher; he and Bobbie  
15 Mitchell were joined in matrimony at the church on October 16,  
16 1971; and

17 WHEREAS, A devoted couple, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were blessed  
18 with two children, Darin and Rhonda; their treasured family  
19 eventually grew to include two more generations; throughout  
20 Mrs. Mitchell's long career as an elected official, Mr. Mitchell  
21 was an unwavering source of support and encouragement; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was employed over the years by LTV,  
23 Engine Components, Home Interiors, Advanced Graphics, and the  
24 Lewisville Independent School District; while quiet and unassuming

1 by nature, he was always quick to help others feel better by  
2 offering a kind word, a hug, or a little joke; he was an avid  
3 fisherman and loved to watch races at the Texas Motor Speedway; and

4 WHEREAS, Although Fred Mitchell is deeply missed, those who  
5 held him dear will forever remember the warmth and generosity he  
6 brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Fred Joseph  
9 Mitchell and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
10 family: to his wife, Bobbie Mitchell; to his children, Darin  
11 Mitchell and his wife, Tonia, and Rhonda Reinacher and her husband,  
12 Keith; to his siblings, Norman Mitchell, Katherine Dennis, Herbert  
13 Mitchell, Josephine Winfield, Charles Mitchell, Michael Mitchell,  
14 Marion Blueitt, and Peter Mitchell; to his nine grandchildren and  
15 six great-grandchildren; and to his many other relatives and  
16 friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Fred  
20 Mitchell.