

By: Gonzales of Williamson

H.R. No. 481

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Roderick Mitchell was named the 2010 Citizen of the
2 Year by the Rotary Club of Taylor at the annual Taylor Chamber of
3 Commerce banquet on January 20, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Melvin Mitchell, Sr., and Josephine Cook
5 Mitchell, "Shorty" Mitchell was born in Thorndale and grew up in San
6 Antonio and Dallas; his lifelong love of sports developed at
7 Wilmer-Hutchins High School in Dallas, where he excelled in
8 football, basketball, track, boxing, and baseball, and continued
9 when he transferred to Thorndale High School and led the Bulldogs to
10 a district championship his senior year; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell went on to earn an associate's degree
12 in business management from Ashworth College in Georgia and today
13 serves as the auto glass sales manager at Floyd's Glass Company; and

14 WHEREAS, An active member of his community, he has served as
15 the vice president of the Taylor Jaycees and the Booster Club and as
16 a member of the City of Taylor Parks and Recreation Board and the
17 parks master planning board, where he played a major role in
18 overseeing the design of the Taylor Regional Park and Sports
19 Complex; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell has also been president of the Taylor
21 Pop Warner football and cheerleading programs since 1995 and vice
22 president of the Central Texas Pop Warner Association since 1999;
23 he was named a regional volunteer of the year by the organization in
24 2004; in addition, he shares his time and talents with the Taylor

1 Independent School District as secretary of the board of trustees,
2 an office he has held for more than five years; and

3 WHEREAS, A man of strong faith, Mr. Mitchell speaks regularly
4 at local churches on youth issues; his desire to see young people
5 excel and to give them the opportunity to develop confidence,
6 self-esteem, and rewarding friendships is evidenced by the extent
7 of his involvement in after-school programs and activities; he is
8 even known to pay registration fees for children out of his own
9 pocket when necessary; and

10 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Mitchell enjoys the
11 love and support of his wife of 25 years, LaNell Griffin Mitchell,
12 and together they take great pride in a fine family that includes
13 three children and seven grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Shorty Mitchell's tireless dedication to helping
15 others makes him an inspiring role model, and he is indeed worthy of
16 this important recognition from his community; now, therefore, be
17 it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor Shorty Mitchell on his selection as the
20 2010 Citizen of the Year by the Rotary Club of Taylor and extend to
21 him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,
22 be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mr. Mitchell as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.