By: Taylor S.C.R. No. 35

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Philanthropist George P. Mitchell has demonstrated exceptional patriotism and generosity through his support for the Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Mitchell 5 served his country in the United States Army Corps of Engineers 6 during World War II; he became the chair and chief executive officer 7 of Mitchell Energy and Development Corporation, and he and his 8 wife, the late Cynthia Mitchell, established the Cynthia and George 9 10 Mitchell Foundation in 1978; since its inception, the foundation 11 has made significant donations to a wide variety of causes, among them the Vietnam Veterans Monument in Austin; and 12

WHEREAS, The construction of the monument was authorized in 13 2005 by the 79th Texas Legislature with the passage of House 14 15 Concurrent Resolution 36, authored by Representative Wayne Smith and Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa; the groundbreaking for the 16 monument was held on the State Capitol grounds on March 25, 2013; 17 the completed monument will pay tribute to the 3,417 Texans who gave 18 their lives for their country while serving in the Vietnam War, as 19 20 well as to those who returned, often to face significant challenges as a result of their battlefield experiences; moreover, the 21 22 monument will reflect the ethnic diversity of the troops and their common devotion to duty, honor, and country; and 23

24 WHEREAS, Through his commitment to the creation of an

- 1 enduring memorial to the service and sacrifice of Texas veterans of
- 2 the Vietnam War, George Mitchell has earned the gratitude of his
- 3 fellow citizens, and it is indeed fitting to recognize his
- 4 exceptional contributions to our state and nation at this time;
- 5 now, therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
- 7 hereby commend George Mitchell for his generous support of the
- 8 Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument through the Cynthia and
- 9 George Mitchell Foundation and extend to him sincere appreciation
- 10 for his many philanthropic endeavors; and, be it further
- 11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 12 prepared for Mr. Mitchell as an expression of high regard by the
- 13 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.