

By: Taylor

S.C.R. No. 35

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

4 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 Mitchell Foundation in 1978; since its inception, the foundation
10 has made significant donations to a wide variety of causes, among
11 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 Concurrent Resolution 36, authored by Representative Wayne Smith
15 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 well as to those who returned, often to face significant challenges
20 as a result of their battlefield experiences; moreover, the
21 monument will reflect the ethnic diversity of the troops and their
22 common devotion to duty, honor, and country; and

23 WHEREAS, Through his commitment to the creation of an
24 enduring memorial to the service and sacrifice of Texas veterans of

1 the Vietnam War, George Mitchell has earned the gratitude of his
2 fellow citizens, and it is indeed fitting to recognize his
3 exceptional contributions to our state and nation at this time;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby commend George Mitchell for his generous support of the
7 Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument through the Cynthia and
8 George Mitchell Foundation and extend to him sincere appreciation
9 for his many philanthropic endeavors; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mr. Mitchell as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.