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SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was employed over the years by LTV,

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Engine Components, Home Interiors, Advanced Graphics, and the Lewisville Independent School District; while quiet and unassuming by nature, he was always quick to help others feel better by offering a kind word, a hug, or a little joke; he was an avid fisherman and loved to watch races at the Texas Motor Speedway; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Fred Mitchell.