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By: Senator Howell

SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF MR. ROY MITCHELL, NEWS ANCHOR OF
TELEVISION STATION KARK-TV, CHANNEL 4, LITTLE ROCK.

WHEREAS, Mr. Roy Mitchell of Little Rock, died this past weekend at his home of an apparent heart attack; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was a well-known and respected news reporter for KARK Eyewitness News, a position he had held since moving back to his native state of Arkansas in 1970; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties at KARK-TV, Mr Mitchell was in charge of the station's "Community Outreach Program," which is designed to help community organizations across Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Mr Mitchell was active in other civic organizations, including the position of vice president and director of the Pulaski County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, a member of the Little Rock Rotary Club, a member of The Society of Professional Journalists, and the Little Rock Racquet Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was considered the "dean" of Little Rock television news anchors, respected even among his colleagues at the competing stations, one of whom stated upon Mr. Mitchell's death: "When you think of Little Rock television news, you think of Roy Mitchell."

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS,

That this Resolution is adopted in respectful memory of Mr. Roy Mitchell, a native of Heber Springs, Arkansas, in recognition of his valuable contribution to television journalism in Arkansas and the professional manner in which he conducted himself both on and off the air.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption of this Resolution, a copy shall be transmitted to the family of Mr. Roy Mitchell as an expression of sincere sympathy on behalf of the members of the Arkansas State Senate, many of whom had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mr. Mitchell over the years.