

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2026

Act 500

Senate Resolution 624, Part XXXXII & 42nd Paragraph of Part XXXXVIII

Effective May 11, 2026

REVEREND BENNIE R. MITCHELL, JR. MEMORIAL INTERSECTION — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr. demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell was born in Edgefield, South Carolina and earned a bachelor's degree from Benedict College and a master's degree from Interdenominational Theological Center at Morehouse School of Religion; and

WHEREAS, he was called by the Lord in 1974 to lead the congregation of Connor's Temple Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia, where he was responsible for bringing the congregation to the forefront of the Savannah community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Mitchell's good works and service to others were recognized through numerous honors, including Omega Man of the Year, the Ivan Allen, Jr., Award for Excellence in Human Relations, WSOK Image Award, and Fannie Lou Hamer Award; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Reverend Mitchell organized the Martin Luther King, Jr., Observance Day Association in Savannah, which was responsible for the city's first Kingfest, including the first MLK parade, and he helped lead the movement to have a major street in Savannah named for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message of peace and love be recognized be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the intersection at State Route 307 and State Route 25 (US-17) in Chatham County, is dedicated as the Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr. Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facility named in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this Resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation and to the family of Reverend Bennie R. Mitchell, Jr.