1	Memorial Honoring the Life and Legacy of the Late U.S. Representative Parren J. Mitchell				
2	For the purpose of dedicating a memorial at the City of Annapolis Pip Moyer Recreation Center				
3	in honor of the late U.S. Representative Parren J. Mitchell (D-MD), the first African-American				
4	elected to Congress from Maryland.				
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6		CITY COUNCIL OF THE			
7		City of Annapolis			
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9		Resolution 19-25			
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11	Introduced by: Mayor Buckley				
12	Co-sponsored by: Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Huntley				
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14	A RESOLUT	TION concerning			
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17		(1922-2007)			
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21	Ameri	can elected to Congress from Maryland.			
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23	WHEREAS,	Parren J. Mitchell was a trailblazing figure in American politics, serving as the			
24		first African American Congressman from Maryland, elected as a Democrat to the			
25		92nd Congress and re-elected to seven succeeding Congresses from January 1971			
26		through January 1987; and			
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28		EARLY YEARS			
29	WHEREAS	Parren J. Michell was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 29, 1922, to			
30	WIIEKEAS,	Clarence Maurice and Elsie Davis Mitchell, and attended Baltimore public			
31		schools, graduating from Frederick Douglass High School in 1940, received his			
		A.B. from Morgan State College in 1950, received his M.A. from the University			
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33		of Maryland College Park in 1952, and undertook graduate work in sociology at			
34		the University of Connecticut; and			
35	WHEDEAS	Mr. Mitchell served as a commissioned officer and company commander in the			
36	WIIEREAS,	United States Army, 92nd Infantry Division, from 1942 through 1945, and			
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37		received a Purple Heart; and			
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I	WHEREAS,	Mr. Mitchell served as:
2 3		 Professor of sociology and assistant director of the Urban Studies Institute of Morgan State College.
4 5		 Executive director of the Maryland Human Relations Commission from 1963 to 1965;
6 7		 Executive director of the Baltimore Community Action Agency from 1965 to 1968;
8 9		 Supervisor of probation work for the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City from 1954 to 1957;
10		 President of Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. from 1969 through 1970;
11		• Delegate to the Maryland State Democrat convention in 1972; and
12		U.S. CONGRESS
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	WHEREAS,	Parren Mitchell was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives by Maryland's District 7 and sworn in January 1971; eventually serving as the House at Large Whip; a member of the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs; the chair of the Committee on Small business; a member of the Subcommittee on Minority Enterprise and General Oversight; the chair of the Task Force on Minority Enterprise; a member of the Subcommittee on Access to Capital and Business Opportunities; a member of the Joint Economic Committee; a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus; and the chair of the Subcommittee on Minority Economic Development and Housing; and
22 23 24	WHEREAS,	During his tenure in Congress, Rep. Parren Mitchell (D-MD) championed legislation to address issues such as education, housing, healthcare, and job training, including:
25 26		 The Higher Education Act of 1965: A landmark piece of legislation that expanded access to higher education for millions of Americans;
27 28 29		• The Fair Housing Act of 1968: A law that prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, and familial status;
30 31 32		 The Community Reinvestment Act of 1977: A law that encourages banks and thrifts to help meet the credit needs of the communities in which they operate, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods; and
33 34 35 36 37	WHEREAS,	Representative Mitchell was a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus and played a pivotal role in shaping the national agenda on issues of racial equality and social justice; and

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2	WHEREAS,	Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (Ret.) passed away on May 28, 2007; and	
3 4 5	WHEREAS,	Rep. Mitchell's legacy continues to inspire and motivate future generations of leaders to strive for a more just and equitable society and	
6 7 8 9	WHEREAS,	The Annapolis Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee has partnered with the City of Annapolis on previous occasions to ensure that the role and contributions of prominent Maryland citizen advocates are not forgotten and are honored within our State Capital, including the Foot Soldiers Memorial; and	
11 12 13	WHEREAS,	The Annapolis Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee is paying for the memorial, and has contracted for its design and construction;	
14 15 16 17 18	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that: the City of Annapolis hereby honors the life and legacy of U.S. Representative Parren J. Mitchell by placing a memorial at Pip Moyer Recreation Center located in Truxton Park at 273 Hilltop Lane in Annapolis; and		
19	BE IT FURT	HER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that:	
20 21 22	commi	ty expresses its most profound gratitude for the late Rep. Mitchell's unwavering atment to public service and his tireless efforts to improve the lives of all cans; and	
23 24	- •	of this resolution be sent to the Mitchell family, the Congressional Black Caucus, and Gov. Wes Moore, and others who the Mayor deems appropriate; and	
25 26 27		FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this ll take effect upon passage.	