

Memorial Honoring the Life and Legacy of the Late U.S. Representative Parren J. Mitchell
For the purpose of dedicating a memorial at the City of Annapolis Pip Moyer Recreation Center in honor of the late U.S. Representative Parren J. Mitchell (D-MD), the first African-American elected to Congress from Maryland.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis

Resolution 19-25

Introduced by: Mayor Buckley

Co-sponsored by: Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Finlayson, Alderman Huntley

A RESOLUTION concerning

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(1922-2007)

FOR the purpose of dedicating a memorial at the City of Annapolis Pip Moyer Recreation Center in honor of the late U.S. Representative Parren J. Mitchell (D-MD), the first African-American elected to Congress from Maryland.

WHEREAS, Parren J. Mitchell was a trailblazing figure in American politics, serving as the first African American Congressman from Maryland, elected as a Democrat to the 92nd Congress and re-elected to seven succeeding Congresses from January 1971 through January 1987 ; and

EARLY YEARS

WHEREAS, Parren J. Michell was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 29, 1922, to Clarence Maurice and Elsie Davis Mitchell, and attended Baltimore public 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 of Maryland College Park in 1952, and undertook graduate work in sociology at the University of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell served as a commissioned officer and company commander in the United States Army, 92nd Infantry Division, from 1942 through 1945, and received a Purple Heart; and

1 **MEMORIAL**

2 **WHEREAS,** Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (Ret.) passed away on May 28, 2007; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Rep. Mitchell's legacy continues to inspire and motivate future generations of
4 leaders to strive for a more just and equitable society and
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6 **WHEREAS,** The Annapolis Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee has partnered with the City
7 of Annapolis on previous occasions to ensure that the role and contributions of
8 prominent Maryland citizen advocates are not forgotten and are honored within
9 our State Capital, including the Foot Soldiers Memorial; and
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11 **WHEREAS,** The Annapolis Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee is paying for the memorial,
12 and has contracted for its design and construction;
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14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that:
15 the City of Annapolis hereby honors the life and legacy of U.S. Representative Parren J. Mitchell
16 by placing a memorial at Pip Moyer Recreation Center located in Truxton Park at 273 Hilltop
17 Lane in Annapolis; and
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19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that:

- 20 1. The City expresses its most profound gratitude for the late Rep. Mitchell's unwavering
21 commitment to public service and his tireless efforts to improve the lives of all
22 Americans; and
23 2. A copy of this resolution be sent to the Mitchell family, the Congressional Black Caucus,
24 Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, and others who the Mayor deems appropriate; and
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26 **AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this
27 resolution shall take effect upon passage.