

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6036

A RESOLUTION in memory of William L. Mitchell.

WHEREAS, Former speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives William L. Mitchell died March 18 at age 81. A lifelong resident of Hutchinson he served in the House of Representatives from 1957 to 1962 and as the speaker of the house from 1960 to 1962. He also served as speaker pro tem and majority leader and as chairperson of the committees on Judiciary and Interstate Cooperation. Subsequently he was chairman of the Kansas Corporation Commission from 1963 to 1968; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was born in Hutchinson and graduated from Hutchinson High School where he was the student council president. He later attended and was graduated from the University of Kansas and the University of Michigan School of Law. His schooling was interrupted by service in the United States Army Corps during World War II in the Pacific theater; and

WHEREAS, Important legislative initiatives by Mr. Mitchell included joint house and senate caucuses, creation of funded retirement for Regents faculty and state employees, making the state parole board a full time agency and obtaining appropriations for creation of the Eisenhower Library in Abilene, for which he received the personal thanks of former president Eisenhower; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell married Norma Gaulding on December 14, 1956—an event which was recognized on the floor of the house in the succeeding legislative session by the escorting of the new bride into the chambers and the rendition of two traditional wedding solos. They are the parents of two daughters, Derenda Valerius and Mollie Mitchell, and have four grandchildren: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we honor the life of William L. Mitchell and the public service he gave to his city and state, and extend our deepest sympathy to his family and acquaintances.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*