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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 106

Offered February 5, 2014

Celebrating the life of James David Mitchell.

Patron—Dance

WHEREAS, James David Mitchell of Petersburg, a radio personality whose nightly show was one of the area's most-listened-to broadcasts, died on November 25, 2013; and

WHEREAS, James Mitchell, known to most people as "Mitch Malone," was a native of the area and first gained accolades when he was in college; he worked for WVST, the radio station of Virginia State University, and was named Sportscaster of the Year three times by the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, after duties as music and sports director at WVST, Mitch Malone continued in radio, working at several other stations before becoming the longtime voice of the *Quiet Storm* evening broadcast on KISS FM 99.3 and 105.7; and

WHEREAS, rhythm and blues (R&B) was Mitch Malone's passion, and he was especially proud of the fact that he helped establish the Richmond-Petersburg area's first station solely devoted to R&B; and

WHEREAS, Mitch Malone's calm and silky voice soothed thousands of listeners during his five-hour nightly radio show; his comforting presence was even more appreciated during times of natural disasters, when radio often was the only source of news and information; and

WHEREAS, Mitch Malone said that he was one of the luckiest people he knew—living his dream of playing R&B on the air, especially for listeners in his hometown, and doing so in an industry that was rapidly changing; and

WHEREAS, Mitch Malone, who attended public school in Petersburg, was active in his church; he enjoyed fellowship and worship at Gillfield Baptist Church, where he was an usher and helped with the music and sound ministry; and

WHEREAS, Mitch Malone will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his daughter, Bretne, and many other family members, friends, colleagues, and legions of *Quiet Storm* listeners; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of James David Mitchell, a broadcaster whose love of radio and music enchanted and soothed thousands of people; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of James David Mitchell as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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