

## 2014 SESSION

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

*Celebrating the life of James David Mitchell.*

Agreed to by the Senate, January 16, 2014  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 24, 2014

WHEREAS, James David Mitchell, was born on July 23, 1956, in Petersburg, and entered into eternal rest on November 25, 2013; and

WHEREAS, James David Mitchell, beloved veteran and icon in the radio industry, known as the voice of the "Quiet Storm" on WKJS KISS 99.3/105.7 FM Richmond radio, was educated in the Petersburg City Public Schools and graduated from Petersburg High School in 1974; he attended Virginia State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in communications, and the Richmond Broadcasting School; and

WHEREAS, because music was always his first love and passion, James David Mitchell's early jobs included disc jockey at parties, weddings, anniversaries, and various other social events, and as the "Voice of Trojan Football and Basketball" at WVST, the radio station of Virginia State University; and

WHEREAS, he worked in several radio markets, including Greensboro, North Carolina, Baltimore, Maryland, Norfolk, and Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, before finding his radio home with Radio-One as the voice of the "Quiet Storm" on WKJS KISS FM 99.3/105.7 FM Richmond, the region's number one radio show, where he galvanized listeners with his silky smooth baritone voice weeknights from 7:00 p.m. to midnight; and

WHEREAS, a man of great faith, James David Mitchell was a lifelong and active member of Gillfield Baptist Church in Petersburg, where he served as an usher and assisted with the lights and sound ministry; and

WHEREAS, James David Mitchell was a frequent speaker to youth and other community groups, encouraging people to work towards a better future; and

WHEREAS, a lover of football and music, he was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan and listened to all genres of music; and

WHEREAS, after attending Thanksgiving Day worship service at his church, James David Mitchell, "Mitch Malone," just prior to his death, posted a prayer of thanksgiving to God for his parents, family, church family, listeners, and colleagues for a long and illustrious radio career, quoted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, speech that "longevity has its place," and stated that he was thankful to God to have accomplished his dream; and

WHEREAS, James David Mitchell, a flawless, prepared, and well-organized professional, meticulously honed his craft, and his baritone voice that commanded attention will be remembered but sorely missed by his family, friends, and listeners; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of James David Mitchell; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of James David Mitchell as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory and contributions to the Commonwealth.

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