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Senate Resolution No. 2228

BY: Senator PARKER

MOURNING the death of Larry Mitchell,  
distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his  
community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to  
citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor  
served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and this  
great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Larry Mitchell of Harlem, New York, died at the age of 76;  
and

WHEREAS, Larry Mitchell distinguished himself in his profession and  
by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of  
his community; and

WHEREAS, Born September 29, 1947, in Dinwiddie, Virginia, Larry  
Mitchell migrated to the Bronx, New York when he was five years old; he  
later moved with his family and settled in Harlem; and

WHEREAS, Upon his graduation from Central Commercial High School in  
1965, Larry Mitchell attended the Borough of Manhattan Community  
College, CUNY, and majored in accounting with a secondary in business  
administration; and

WHEREAS, In 1967, Larry Mitchell joined the United States Air Force, where he served four years before his honorable discharge as a First-Class Staff Sergeant in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Larry Mitchell began his professional career as a teller at Chase Manhattan Bank, remaining with JPMorgan Chase for 31 years; during his tenure, Larry Mitchell continuously climbed the ranks, retiring from the esteemed position of Administrative Vice President in the Systems Analysis and Quality Assurance department; and

WHEREAS, Larry Mitchell's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Proving to be a true asset to his community, Larry Mitchell served as Secretary of Prince Hall Community Development Corporation, Vice President of Prince Hall Foundation, and President of the Prince Hall Temple Association; and

WHEREAS, Larry Mitchell honorably served as Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Larry Mitchell's strong sense of faith and devotion to community aided his lifework and countless endeavors, including during his time with Widows' Lodge No. 11, as well as in Holy Royal Arch Mason of the Most Excellent Prince Hall; and

WHEREAS, Through his ascension from right hand of the Senior Warden to protection of the Door of Knowledge in presiding over each lodge in New York State as the 57th Grand Master, Past Grand Master Larry Mitchell's body of work proved his nobility and kindness through a

lifetime of work; and

WHEREAS, A force in his community, Past Grand Master Larry Mitchell led a statewide voter education and registration drive in 2016, during which time he registered more than five hundred new voters; and

WHEREAS, Always prideful of his role, Past Grand Master Larry Mitchell proved repeatedly that not only was he every bit of what a Mason strives to be, but he was a man of high character that every Mason could look to model; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Larry Mitchell displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Larry Mitchell is survived by his beloved wife, Joe Ellen, who always stood strongly and proudly by his side throughout all his civic, charitable, and social endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Larry Mitchell leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Larry Mitchell; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Larry Mitchell.