

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mitchell was born in Quitman, Georgia, and moved to of Delray Beach when he was 3 years old with his parents who worked as sharecroppers, west of Delray Beach; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mitchell played quarterback for Carver High School, where he earned his nickname, Bump, and played on the school's championship team in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mitchell was truly versatile, lettering in football, baseball and track at Carver High; and

WHEREAS, at an early age, Sergeant Mitchell began working for the Palm Beach County School Board as a custodian. During his 10 years with the School District, he also worked as an auxiliary police officer. It was through the help of a number of people on the force that he became a full-time police officer; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mitchell's commitment to community was exemplified not only through his police work, but in his work with the Delray Rocks football league; and

WHEREAS, as the head coach for the Rocks, Sergeant Mitchell used football as a tool to teach the boys how to get along in life; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mitchell, who also was an ordained minister and served as the official chaplain for the Delray Beach Police Department, demonstrated a great faith in Jesus Christ and a commitment to his church and family; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mitchell retired from the Police Department on December 31, 1999.

NOW THEREFORE, I, SHELLY PETROLIA, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida on behalf of the City Commission, and the Citizens of Delray Beach, offers its sincerest condolences to those loved by:

SERGEANT REVEREND MATTHEW 'Bump' MITCHELL

and recognize him for his community leadership and servitude. He most certainly will be missed, but never forgotten.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 15th day of May, 2018.

Shelly Petrolia
MAYOR