

National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution Honoring the Life, Legacy, and Contributions of Joyce Mourning Mitchell

WHEREAS, Joyce Mourning Mitchell, a native of Bertie County, NC was born on August 14, 1957 and was called to her heavenly home on June 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Joyce was the Chair of the Human Relations Council of Greenville; served as President of Democratic Women of North Carolina from 2016-2018; was President of Democratic Women of Pitt County; was Community Outreach Director for U.S. Senator Kay R. Hagan; was area representative for U.S. Senator John Edwards; was N.C. Eastern Political Director for the Democratic National Committee; was a Congressional Aide for U.S. Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton; and worked for the U.S. Dept. of Commerce Bureau of the Census as a Census 2000 Local Census Office Manager; and

WHEREAS, Joyce was the Host of the **AWAKEN** *Talk Show* for 14 years on CBS affiliate station, WNCT-TV 9. She was selected as a finalist and published in both the 2010-11 and 2012-13 editions of **Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals**. Her commitment to advocacy for the ERA was inspiring. As a lifetime Girl Scout, she served on the Board of Directors for Girl Scouts-North Carolina Coastal Pines, Inc. as the 2nd and 3rd Vice President; and

WHEREAS, Joyce donated countless hours empowering her community by being actively involved as a member of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, NC and serving on numerous ministries for over 30 years. She co-founded the NC Democratic African-American Caucus of Pitt County and chartered both the Eta Mu chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. at ECU and the Pitt-Greenville Zeta Pi Sigma alumnae chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, all who worked with Joyce were enriched by her exuberance, her glowing smile, her positive energy and her enthusiastic support for women working together. Joyce was a Christian who lived her faith. Her light will shine on in those whose lives she touched.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the National Federation of Democratic Women that we honor the life, legacy and contributions of Joyce Mourning Mitchell--wife, mother, dear friend and colleague--in hopes that all of us can strive to live up to the highest ideals that Joyce exemplified.

Submitted from the Floor by the Democratic Women of North Carolina with Ten Signatories from Five States

Adopted by the NFDW Membership at the 48th Annual Convention on June 15, 2019