

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mitch Schrader was born in Statesboro, Georgia and grew up in Dublin, Georgia. He studied Computer Science at the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mitch joined the Clarke County Tax Commissioner's Office as a Delinquent Tax Officer in November of 1985 at age 24. He was promoted to Motor Vehicle Manager in May of 1986; Property Tax Division Manager in June of 1992; and sworn in as Deputy Tax Commissioner on June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mitch excelled in every position, was loved, and respected by all who worked with him. When he came to work in the Clarke County Tax Commissioner's Office, customized technology programs were non-existent in most County offices. Mitch was instrumental in computerization of both Property Tax and Motor Vehicle Operations, working with software companies to develop programs that were efficient and legally compliant. He also worked on a Task Force with the County to develop an integrated computer information system; and

WHEREAS, he was a team player in every way such as being involved in the County Golf Tournaments with colleagues and numerous County charity drives; and

WHEREAS, Mitch fell in love with a beautiful lady, Gail Humphries, who worked in the Elections Office across the hall from the Tax Office. They married in 1991 and became proud parents of Evan in 1997. They were a great team, Gail eventually became the Manager of the Elections Office and Mitch was elected Tax Commissioner in 2010 and re-elected in 2012. They were both devoted to Athens-Clarke County and the community; and

WHEREAS, Mitch received the most prestigious award in 2015 by being named Georgia Association of Tax Officials' Tax Commissioner of the Year; and

WHEREAS, sadly Mitch was diagnosed with Cancer and died on May 30, 2016. His greatest concern, next to Gail and Evan, were the employees of the Tax Offices; and

WHEREAS, after Mitch's death the Western Judicial Circuit Bar Association presented a joint award to Mitch and Gail Schrader for their commitments to the overall community and specifically to the legal Community.

NOW THEREFORE in recognition of his three decades of service to Athens-Clarke County and in gratitude for the love and commitment he had for his fellow employees, Athens-Clarke County citizens and other Tax Offices throughout the State through the Association of Tax Commissioners, the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby resolves that the Motor Vehicle Office located at 3025 Lexington Road shall be known as the **Mitch Schrader Motor Vehicle Office**.

SO RESOLVED, this day the 6th day of November, 2018.

APPROVED:



Nancy B. Denson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jean Spratlin, Clerk of Commission