



# Florida Sheriffs Association Honorary Sheriff

**William J. “Red” Mitchum**

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William “Red” Mitchum graduated from the University of Florida in 1952. “Red” arrived in Gainesville from Gadsden, Alabama, in 1946, was drafted into the Army and spent two years in service. After graduation, Mr. Mitchum served two more years in the Army, and then became a sales representative and public speaker.

“Red” Mitchum was selected for the University of Florida Athletic Hall of Fame and was a three-time master of ceremonies at the Gator Growl as well as the only student to serve in that role. He had speaking engagements throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. He often spoke to UF football booster groups, the Southeastern Conference coaches convention, the Florida Sheriff’s Association Conferences and was a four-time master of ceremonies at the Florida Blue Key Homecoming Banquet.

“Red” Mitchum frequently spoke at FSA conferences and due to his consistent support for sheriffs and public safety he has awarded Honorary Sheriff.

