

## House Resolution 1683

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Williams of the 168<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Burns of the 159<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the life of the Honorable Zell Bryan Miller, former Governor and  
2 United States Senator of this great state; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Zell Bryan Miller was born on February 24, 1932, in Young  
4 Harris, Georgia, to Stephen Grady Miller and Birdie Miller, one of North Georgia's most  
5 distinguished native sons; and

6 WHEREAS, he attended Young Harris College and later earned bachelor's and master's  
7 degrees in history from the University of Georgia and entered the teaching profession as a  
8 history and political science professor at Young Harris College; and

9 WHEREAS, he served his country with honor and distinction in the United States Marine  
10 Corps from 1953 to 1956, leaving the Corps as a Sergeant and Rifle Expert; and

11 WHEREAS, he began a long and distinguished career in public service in 1959 with a term  
12 as Mayor of Young Harris, was elected to the Georgia Senate in 1960, won the first of four  
13 consecutive terms as Georgia's Lieutenant Governor in 1974, was elected to the first of two  
14 terms as Governor of Georgia in 1990, and served as United States Senator from Georgia  
15 from 2000 to 2004; and

16 WHEREAS, he had a passion for education and contributed greatly to the cause of education  
17 in Georgia in many ways, most notably through the creation of the highly successful HOPE  
18 Scholarship program for students at Georgia's colleges, universities, and technical institutes  
19 and the nation's first state-wide voluntary pre-kindergarten for all four-year-olds whose  
20 parents wanted to enroll them; and

21 WHEREAS, upon retiring from the United States Senate in 2004, he returned to the  
22 classroom as a professor at the University of Georgia, Emory University, and Young Harris  
23 College; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2008, the Zell B. Miller Learning Center at the University of Georgia was  
25 dedicated in his honor; in 2014, the Zell and Shirley Miller Library at Young Harris College  
26 was dedicated in the couple's honor; and in 2016, the Miller Institute was created to preserve,  
27 promote, and continue the Miller legacy; and

28 WHEREAS, on the morning of March 23, 2018, he died peacefully at his home in Young  
29 Harris surrounded by his beloved wife Shirley and his family; and

30 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of this monumental statesman,  
31 distinguished Georgian, and "giant of the North Georgia mountains."

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of former  
34 Governor and United States Senator Zell Bryan Miller and extend their most sincere  
35 condolences to his family.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
38 family of the Honorable Zell Bryan Miller.