

Senate Resolution 791

By: Senator Stephens of the 51st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Zell Bryan Miller; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on February 24, 1932, in Young Harris , Georgia, Zell Bryan Miller was born  
3 to Stephen Grady Miller and Birdie Miller, and he followed their footsteps into teaching and  
4 into politics, as a state senator for two terms in 1960 at age 28; Lieutenant Governor for four  
5 terms beginning in 1974; and Governor for two terms beginning in 1990; and

6 WHEREAS, his outstanding career of public service has spanned four decades and he has  
7 combined common-sense ideas with Marine Corps discipline and a wonderful consensus  
8 building ability to give Georgians what they wanted: tough penalties for criminals, lower  
9 taxes, free kindergarten for four-year olds, and free college tuition for 'B' students; and

10 WHEREAS, his success made him Georgia's most popular governor in modern history and  
11 earned him the national title as Governor of the Year in 1998 by *Governing Magazine*; and

12 WHEREAS, the centerpiece of Miller's legacy as governor was his lottery-funded HOPE  
13 scholarship program that has sent more than 500,000 Georgians to college, and his friend  
14 President Clinton borrowed the name and guidelines for a national scholarship program; and

15 WHEREAS, he accepted appointment to the U.S. Senate out of his deep sense of duty and  
16 pledged to represent all 8 million Georgians as one of Georgia's most trusted officials; and

17 WHEREAS, this irascible mountaineer has held the attention of friend and foe during a  
18 career spent making Georgia better, and in 29 years he will hold the distinction of having  
19 reached the current age of his fine colleague Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 recognize and commend the Honorable Zell Bryan Miller on the momentous occasion of his  
22 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and convey to him best wishes for health and happiness always.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Zell Bryan Miller.