

## Senate Resolution 178

By: Senators Crotts of the 17<sup>th</sup>, Gillis of the 20<sup>th</sup>, Starr of the 44<sup>th</sup>, Dean of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Scott of the 36<sup>th</sup> and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of the Honorable Paul Coverdell and authorizing the placing  
2 of his portrait in the State Capitol; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, it was with profound regret that the citizens of this state learned of the passing  
4 of the Honorable Paul Coverdell, distinguished senior United States Senator from this state  
5 on July 18, 2000; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served with unparalleled ability and integrity as a member of the state Senate  
7 from 1970 to 1989; and
- 8 WHEREAS, this dynamic public servant faithfully represented the citizens of Atlanta and  
9 Fulton County with great distinction, dedication, and ability for almost two decades; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he served as minority leader of the state Senate from 1974 to 1989; and
- 11 WHEREAS, his consistently thorough consideration of the issues presented to the state  
12 Senate and his integrity and reliability rightfully earned him the honor, respect, and trust of  
13 his colleagues over the years; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was named by President George H. W. Bush as the director of the Peace  
15 Corps of the United States and served in that position from 1989 until 1991; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was elected to the United States Senate in 1992 and served in that august  
17 body until his untimely death; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he exhibited the level of unselfish leadership ideally expected of public trustees  
19 in an effective, representative democracy; and

1 WHEREAS, he served his country with honor and distinction as an officer in the United  
2 States Army from 1962 until 1964; and

3 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talent,  
4 and energy to the civic, religious, and charitable concerns of his community, state, and  
5 nation; and

6 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
7 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this  
8 state and nation earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

9 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of the General Assembly,  
10 most especially those with whom he served and to whom he so freely imparted advice,  
11 encouragement, and friendship and who regard him with much love and affection, pay  
12 appropriate tribute to one of their finest and most distinguished former colleagues for the  
13 three decades of impartial, well-reasoned, and enlightened service he rendered on behalf of  
14 this state and nation.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 GEORGIA that the members of this body express their profound sorrow at the untimely  
17 death of the Honorable Paul Coverdell and honor his memory for his personal and political  
18 influence in supporting legislation which has substantially improved the quality of life for  
19 our citizens and contributed to Georgia's leadership role in the South and nation.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that this  
21 body, in recognition of the Honorable Paul Coverdell's service as an unmatched example of  
22 enlightened government and statesmanship, directs that a portrait of Honorable Paul  
23 Coverdell be placed at an appropriate location on the third or fourth floor of the State Capitol  
24 Building with the location of such portrait to be selected by the Governor, President of the  
25 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Honorable Paul Coverdell.