

## House Resolution 70

By: Representatives Wix of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, Coleman of the 144<sup>th</sup>, Watson of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Shaw of the 176<sup>th</sup>, and Porter of the 143<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Paying tribute to Honorable Zell Bryan Miller and to the memory of a great Georgian, the  
2 late Paul D. Coverdell, and naming the Miller-Coverdell Legislative Office Building in their  
3 honor; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Honorable Zell Bryan Miller was born on February 24, 1932, in Young Harris,  
5 Georgia, and is one of Georgia's most distinguished native sons; and

6 WHEREAS, as a young man he served his country with honor and distinction in the United  
7 States Marine Corps from 1953 to 1956, leaving the Corps as a Sergeant and Rifle Expert;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, he attended Young Harris College prior to his military service and later earned  
10 bachelor's and master's degrees in history from the University of Georgia and entered the  
11 teaching profession as a history professor at Young Harris College; and

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

16 WHEREAS, he served as United States Senator from Georgia from 2000 to 2005; and

17 WHEREAS, his achievements and contributions during more than four decades of public  
18 service are far too numerous to list, but mention may be made of his accomplishments as  
19 Governor in moving Georgia from fiscal difficulties to full reserves while achieving major  
20 cuts in sales and income taxes; and

1 WHEREAS, he has a passion for education and has contributed greatly to the cause of  
2 education in Georgia in many ways, most notably through the creation of the highly  
3 successful HOPE Scholarship program and the nation's first pre-kindergarten program; and

4 WHEREAS, Paul D. Coverdell was born in 1939 in Des Moines, Iowa, and his family  
5 traveled extensively before settling in Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Coverdell attended Georgia State University and transferred to the  
7 University of Missouri where he received a B.S. in Journalism; and

8 WHEREAS, he served his country with valor and distinction as an officer in the United  
9 States Army in Okinawa, Taiwan, and Korea from 1962 to 1964; and

10 WHEREAS, he became a successful and highly respected businessman, founding the  
11 Coverdell & Company insurance marketing business with his father in 1965 and going on  
12 to serve as Chief Executive Officer of the firm; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Coverdell was elected to the Georgia Senate in 1970 and became a leader  
14 and beloved member of this General Assembly, serving as Senate Minority Leader from  
15 1974 until his retirement from the Georgia Senate in 1989; and

16 WHEREAS, he served with great ability as Director of the Peace Corps from 1989 to 1991,  
17 making outstanding contributions to the worldwide mission of that organization; and

18 WHEREAS, he was elected to the United States Senate in 1991 and served in that body until  
19 his death in 2000, and he was widely recognized as one of the most effective, hard working,  
20 intelligent, and devoted members of the Senate; and

21 WHEREAS, Paul D. Coverdell has left an unblemished and unsurpassed record of all that  
22 is most exemplary in public service to state and country.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
24 GEORGIA that this body hereby pays tribute to the service of Honorable Zell Bryan Miller  
25 and to the memory of a great Georgian, the late Paul D. Coverdell.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Office Building located adjacent to the  
27 Georgia State Capitol is hereby named the Miller-Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Fiscal Officer, under direction of the  
2 Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, is authorized and directed  
3 to procure and provide for the placement of any and all signs and markings as may be  
4 determined appropriate by such officers to so designate the building.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Honorable Zell Bryan Miller and to the  
7 family of the late Paul D. Coverdell.