

House Resolution 47 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Keen of the 179th, Richardson of the 19th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Royal of the 171st, Channell of the 116th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Paying tribute to the memory of a great Georgian, the late Paul D. Coverdell, and naming the
2 Paul D. Coverdell Legislative Office Building in his honor; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Paul D. Coverdell was born in 1939 in Des Moines, Iowa, and his family
4 traveled extensively before settling in Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mr. Coverdell attended Georgia State University and transferred to the
6 University of Missouri where he received a B.S. in Journalism; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served his country with valor and distinction as an officer in the United
8 States Army in Okinawa, Taiwan, and Korea from 1962 to 1964; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he became a successful and highly respected businessman, founding the
10 Coverdell & Company insurance marketing business with his father in 1965 and going on
11 to serve as Chief Executive Officer of the firm; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Coverdell was elected to the Georgia Senate in 1970 and became a leader
13 and beloved member of this General Assembly, serving as Senate Minority Leader from
14 1974 until his retirement from the Georgia Senate in 1989; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he served with great ability as Director of the Peace Corps from 1989 to 1991,
16 making outstanding contributions to the worldwide mission of that organization; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he was elected to the United States Senate in 1992 and served in that body until
18 his death in 2000, and he was widely recognized as one of the most effective, hard working,
19 intelligent, and devoted members of the Senate; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Paul D. Coverdell has left an unblemished and unsurpassed record of all that
21 is most exemplary in public service to state and country.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that this body hereby pays tribute to the memory of a great Georgian, the late
3 Paul D. Coverdell.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Office Building located adjacent to the
5 Georgia State Capitol is hereby named the Paul D. Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

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

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is authorized and directed to
11 transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of the late Paul D. Coverdell.