

House Resolution 16

By: Representatives Bridges of the 10th, Fleming of the 117th, Roberts of the 154th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Harbin of the 118th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the Capitol Arts Standards Commission to authorize the placement of a statue on the
- 2 grounds of the State Capitol Building honoring Zell Bryan Miller; and for other purposes.

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

- 5 WHEREAS, he attended Young Harris College and later earned Bachelor's and Master's
- 6 degrees in history from the University of Georgia and entered the teaching profession as a
- 7 history professor at Young Harris College; and

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that an enduring memorial should be created as a testimony to
2 the accomplishments and service of this great Georgian.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body urge the Capitol Arts Standards Commission to authorize the
5 placement of a statue on the grounds of the State Capitol Building honoring Zell Bryan
6 Miller.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Capitol Arts Standards
9 Commission.