

Senate Resolution 270

By: Senators Schaefer of the 50th, Smith of the 52nd, Staton of the 18th, Hill of the 4th, Mullis of the 53rd 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 SENATE that the members of this body
4 urge the Capitol Arts Standards Commission to authorize the placement of a statue on the
5 grounds of the State Capitol Building honoring Zell Bryan Miller.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Capitol Arts Standards Commission.