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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

ADOPTED SENATE

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
- 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

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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.