

House Resolution 277

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and celebrating the Honorable Zell Bryan Miller, former Governor and the United
2 States Senator of this great state on the occasion of his 85th birthday; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Zell Bryan Miller was born in Young Harris, Georgia, on February 24, 1932,
4 to Stephen Grady Miller and Birdie Bryan Miller; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he attended Young Harris College and later graduated from the University of
6 Georgia with a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in History; and
- 7 WHEREAS, after serving as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as a Sergeant in
8 the United States Marine Corps, he began a career as a professor at Young Harris College;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, during a forty-year career in public service, he served the State of Georgia as
11 a Mayor, State Senator, Lieutenant Governor, Governor, and United States Senator; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he served as Lieutenant Governor of Georgia from 1975 to 1991, becoming the
13 longest-serving Lieutenant Governor in Georgia history; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was elected Governor in 1990 and served as Georgia's 79th Governor from
15 1991-1999; and
- 16 WHEREAS, some of the proudest achievements during Governor Miller's administration
17 include national firsts like statewide voluntary prekindergarten for all four-year-olds whose
18 parents wanted to enroll them, and the HOPE Scholarship Program for students at Georgia's
19 colleges, universities, and technical institutes; and

20 WHEREAS, upon the death of United States Senator Paul Coverdell in 2000, he was
21 appointed and later elected to serve the remaining four years of Senator Coverdell's term in
22 the United States Senate; and

23 WHEREAS, upon retiring from the United States Senate in 2004, he returned to the
24 classroom as a professor at the University of Georgia, Emory University, and Young Harris
25 College; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 remarkable and distinguished Georgian, who did so much for this state, be appropriately
28 recognized on his 85th birthday.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body congratulate the Honorable Zell Bryan Miller upon the grand
31 occasion of his 85th birthday and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued
32 health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 Honorable Zell Bryan Miller.