

Senate Resolution 1001

By: Senator Miller of the 49th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the professional career and abundant life of Robert Wayne Colston of  
2 Gainesville; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Robert Wayne Colston is fondly described as a "triple Dawg," having earned  
4 bachelor's, master's, and specialist's degrees from the University of Georgia, where he  
5 remained a lifelong fan; and

6 WHEREAS, Wayne Colston's professional educational career impacted thousands of  
7 students in the Hall County School District with his assignments to South Hall Junior High,  
8 Chestnut Mountain Elementary, and Mount Vernon Elementary schools; and

9 WHEREAS, as the founding principal of his beloved Mount Vernon Elementary, he oversaw  
10 its design and construction as well as the employment of a dedicated staff that, under his  
11 leadership, emphasized superior student opportunities, order and cleanliness, superior  
12 furnishings and technology equipment to meet students' needs, and an extraordinary and  
13 welcoming parent support network, all of which resulted in the school achieving the Georgia  
14 School of Excellence designation; and

15 WHEREAS, his zest for learning extended beyond his principalship as he served as the Ninth  
16 District representative for the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals and also  
17 earned real estate and appraisal licenses; and

18 WHEREAS, at the First United Methodist Church of Gainesville, Reverends Scott Hearn and  
19 Terry Walton extolled his extraordinary Christian values in memorable eulogies on February  
20 22, 2020, amplified by heartfelt and amazing personal eulogies from Hall County  
21 Superintendent Will Schofield and from his close friend and golf partner of many years,  
22 Judge Richard W. Story; and

23 WHEREAS, his professional career personified his personality as a skilled listener; a caring  
24 individual who valued humor and pride; a devoted husband, son, and brother; and a cherished  
25 friend to many; and

26 WHEREAS, his memory is extended by friends' and colleagues' contributions to the  
27 Northeast Georgia Health System Foundation, the Humane Society of Northeast Georgia,  
28 and the First United Methodist Church of Gainesville.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 extend their condolences to the Gainesville and Hall County community who lost a favorite  
31 son in the untimely passing of Robert Wayne Colston, whose contributions and memory will  
32 long be cherished.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
35 Robert Wayne Colston.