

2002 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 206

On the death of Edward Anthony Miller, Jr.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 7, 2002
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 9, 2002

WHEREAS, Edward Anthony Miller, Jr., of Alexandria, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and the author of three respected Civil War histories, died on November 26, 2001; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, Edward Miller earned his master's degree and his doctorate in history at the University of Denver; and

WHEREAS, Edward Miller served in the United States Air Force from 1950 until his retirement in 1972, serving as a navigator, assistant professor of history at the Air Force Academy, and public information officer at the Pentagon and earning, among other commendations, the Legion of Merit; and

WHEREAS, during the 1970s, Edward Miller was associate director of the Center for Defense Information and a legislative assistant to Representative Les Aspin of Wisconsin and Senator Gary Hart of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, from 1980 until 1990, Edward Miller was a vice president in the Washington offices of an architectural engineering firm; and

WHEREAS, long interested in the American Civil War, Edward Miller published three Civil War histories, beginning in 1995 with *Gullah Statesman: From Slavery to Congress*, the story of Robert Smalls, a former slave and wheelman of a Confederate gunboat who commandeered the ship and sailed to freedom; and

WHEREAS, two years later, Edward Miller published *Lincoln's Abolitionist General*, a biography of controversial Union General David Hunter and followed that with *The Black Civil War Soldiers of Illinois*, the tragic story of a poorly trained unit of Black Civil War soldiers that suffered enormous casualties in its only major engagement; and

WHEREAS, during the 1990s, Edward Miller served on the Virginia Military Institute Board of Visitors, and, in 1997, he received a special award from the Air Force historian for his volunteer work commemorating the 50th anniversary of the service; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished soldier and scholar, Edward Miller led a life marked by notable contributions to his community, the Commonwealth, and the nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of an exceptional citizen of Alexandria, Edward Anthony Miller, Jr.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Edward Anthony Miller, Jr., as an expression of the respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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