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Resolution

In the Senate, March 7, 1966

Dr. Thomas R. Miller, former President of Edinboro State College, began his career in education as a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse. When he passed away recently, it was at the height of his powers; his absence creates a void most difficult to fill.

Dr. Miller became President of Edinboro in 1954. In large part through his efforts, the college grew from an enrollment of 400 to 3,500 students. During his administration, liberal arts and graduate programs were added to the college curriculum. The college grew in physical size, as well, through Dr. Miller's efforts. Four dormitories, two science buildings, a library, and a food service building were additions for which he mainly was responsible.

It is unfortunate that his untimely death prevented him from completing a master plan which projects an enrollment of 5,600 students by 1972. However, the plan will be completed and will stand as a memorial to this outstanding educator.

Dr. Miller was born November 7, 1903, in Bradford, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Ross Herrick and Bessie Root Miller. He was a graduate of Mansfield State Normal School and received his Bachelor of Arts, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees at Syracuse University.

Dr. Miller had served as principal at the Beaver Valley and Wetona, Pennsylvania, Schools and taught English at Towanda, Pennsylvania. He served as supervising principal at Monroeton, Pennsylvania; as an English teacher at North High School, in Syracuse, New York; as an instructor in education at Syracuse University; as a professor of education at Portsdam State Teachers' College, in Portsdam, New York; and dean of instruction at the New York State Teachers' College, at Oswego.

Dr. Miller was, throughout his life, an epitomization of intellectual accomplishment, both in an academic and material way. His improvements to the facilities, faculty and curriculum at Edinboro State College are testimony to his great dedication to the college and its ever-growing role in providing higher education in the Commonwealth. The students, present and future, matriculating at Edinboro owe him a special debt of gratitude.

Dr. Miller was imbued with the sheer love of learning and teaching. His fervor permeated the very bricks and mortar of Edinboro; it left an indelible impression on the minds of all who associated with him. His record of inspired leadership will endure as long as Edinboro itself; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania mourns the passing of Dr. Miller, eminent educator and outstanding Pennsylvanian; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Wesley Reitze, President of the Board of Trustees of Edinboro State College and to Mrs. Thomas R. Miller, 202 Meadville Street, Edinboro, Pennsylvania.



I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Senate Resolution introduced by Senators William G. Sesler, Rowland B. Mahany, Albert E. Madigan, Richard C. Frame, Paul W. Mahady and Robert P. Casey and adopted by the Senate of Pennsylvania the seventh day of March, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six.

MARK GRUELL, JR.

Secretary
SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA