

# Senate building named for Miller

## State board still must OK decision

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In a surprise move, the state Senate this week voted unanimously to name the new multimillion-dollar addition to the chamber's Annapolis office building after Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr.

The announcement, which senators have been working on behind the scenes for weeks without Mr. Miller's knowledge, came Monday night before a packed Senate chamber that included the Prince George's Democrat's wife, five children and eight grandchildren.



"As the longest currently serving Senate president in America, and the longest-serving Senate president ever in the history of Maryland, it is only fitting that tonight we honor this man who has worked tirelessly to promote the history and traditions of the Maryland state Senate by formally making him part of Maryland history," said Senate Minority Leader Martin G. Madden, R-Howard.

Mr. Madden and Senate Majority Leader Clarence W. Blount, D-Baltimore, introduced the resolution to name the building, now under construction down the street from the State House, after Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller, who represents a small portion of southern Anne Arundel along with parts of Calvert and Prince George's counties, is in

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his 14th year as Senate president.

The state Board of Public Works must formally approve the decision to name the building after Mr. Miller.

"I thought it was a great tribute to Mike," said Sen. Philip C. Jimeno, D-Brooklyn Park. "He modernized the Senate; he's the longest-serving Senate president. I don't think there's any question it should be named after Mike."

Sen. Robert R. Neall, a Davidsonville Democrat overseeing construction of the addition and a longtime friend of Mr. Miller, helped to organize the effort to name the building. Mr. Neall said that without Mr. Miller's work for more than a decade, the needed addition would never have been built.

"I think he's provided the leadership to do a number of amazing things," said Sen. John C. Astle, D-Annapolis. "He's brought this body to the 21st century."

Senators presented a shocked Mr. Miller with a framed artist's rendering of the Georgian brick addition, which is scheduled to be completed by December. The framed rendering contained a copy of the resolution and was signed by each senator.

For his part, Mr. Miller said he was surprised by the resolution.

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