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**Statement from Commissioner Amy M. Jacobs  
on the passing of Governor Zell Miller**

“The staff of the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning and I were deeply saddened today to learn of the passing of Governor Zell Miller. Governor Miller’s commitment to education as demonstrated by creating the lottery funded Georgia’s Pre-K Program is legend in our state and beyond. In the early days of Georgia Pre-K, Governor and Mrs. Miller gave every student a copy of one of his favorite books, *The Little Engine That Could*. Today, Governor, you don’t need to say, “I think I can, I think I can.” Instead you can proudly, boldly, and honestly say, “I did.” On behalf of the millions of children who have benefited from his vision, I thank Zell Miller for the immeasurable legacy of Georgia’s Pre-K Program.”

**About Bright from the Start**

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is responsible for meeting the child care and early education needs of Georgia’s children and their families. It administers the nationally recognized Georgia’s Pre-K Program, licenses child care centers and home-based child care, administers Georgia’s Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program, federal nutrition programs, and manages *Quality Rated*, Georgia’s community powered child care rating system.

The department also houses the Head Start State Collaboration Office, distributes federal funding to enhance the quality and availability of child care, and works collaboratively with Georgia child care resource and referral agencies and organizations throughout the state to enhance early care and education. For more information, go to [www.decal.ga.gov](http://www.decal.ga.gov).