

SEN. MORGAN INTRODUCTION OF G. W. MILLER,  
SECY OF TREASURY  
CHARLOTTE COUNTRY CLUB  
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PLEASE CHECK WITH PEGGY IN THE MORNING FOR THE TITLE:

It is a great pleasure for me to be here with you tonight at this occasion honoring two distinguished North Carolinians who have become national leaders in their profession. C.C. Hope and Claude Pope are both longtime friends of mine and I, like all of you, take great pride in their accomplishments.

As a member of the Senate Banking Committee, I have constant contact with both of these gentlemen. I can tell you that they have the respect of their colleagues and they have the respect of the members of the United States Congress. Their views on matters pending in Washington are sought, and their advice is listened to.

It is appropriate, I think, that outstanding leaders in another traditional area of American free enterprise, the retail business, the Belk family would have initiated this event. Successful men themselves, they recognize success by others and understand the sacrifices which must be made in order to excell in one's profession.

But my task this evening is to introduce our speaker, and a pleasant task it is.

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The Honorable William G. Miller, Secretary of the Treasury, already has earned respect in Washington and in financial circles throughout this country and the world.

Having spent some twenty-two years with the Textron Corporation serving as President, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive officer of this major United States business concern, William Miller knows what free enterprise is all about. He understands the values which we all hold dear and which undergird the economic and social system of this nation of ours. For this reason it is a privilege for me as a member of the Senate to work with him on matters of mutual concern.

Twice he has come before the Senate Banking Committee, on which I sit, for confirmation he rings, first as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board to which he was first appointed by President Carter and then, most recently, as a nominee for Secretary of the Treasury.

Each time he has impressed the Committee with his candor, his intellect and his understanding of financial institutions and our economic system. It is no wonder that he knows what he is talking about when you look at this record of service in the business community.

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William Miller has sat on the Board of major American Corporations including Allied Chemical and Federated Department Stores and he was a Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. He has taken time for civic responsibilities such as serving on the Board of the National Urban League, National Alliance for Business, the United Nations Association of the United States, the Coast Guard Academy Foundation, the President's Committee on NIRE (encouraging the employment of veterans), and the United Negro College Fund. And the list of credits goes on and on.

But let me sum up by saying that for the last twenty-five years or so Bill Miller has been in the thick of American civic, political, and business life.

Bill Miller also knows what success is about and he remains a very cordial and warm human being. I have enjoyed my association with him and I take pleasure in presenting him to you tonight-----

The Honorable William G. Miller, Secretary of the Treasury.