

Senate Resolution 408

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Sims of the 12th, Merritt of the 9th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the National Council of Negro Women; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) is a nonprofit organization
4 with the mission to lead, advocate for, and empower women of African descent as well as
5 their families and communities; and

6 WHEREAS, NCNW fulfills this mission through research, advocacy, and national and
7 community-based services and programs in the United States and Africa via 32 national
8 affiliate organizations that enlighten, inspire, and connect more than 2,000,000 women and
9 men; and

10 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia NCNW has a rich history under the many years of
11 leadership and guidance from the late Verdelle Bellamy. In 2016, Lois Keith had the
12 foresight to re-organize the State of Georgia by empowering key leaders in the DeKalb,
13 Greater Atlanta, Rockdale-Newton, Savannah, and Valdosta-Lowndes sections to
14 collectively organize a state conference in Atlanta on August 20, 2016; and

15 WHEREAS, for the first time in NCNW-Georgia history, the state committee elected State
16 President Sarah Denton, State Secretary Derrica Williams, and State Treasurer Myrtle
17 Mayfield. During the conference, the state committee planned and implemented The Movers
18 and Shakers Award, and its first recipient was Lois Keith; and

19 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia provided support and assistance to families in Albany and
20 hosted Dr. Dorothy I. Height Stamp Reveals, State Leadership Trainings, State Conferences,
21 Know Before You Vote Forums, and GOTV Phone Banks. The coalition charted additional
22 sections throughout the state to now reflect 11 community and 14 collegiate sections; and

23 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia NCNW elected its second president, Dr. Darlene Ruffin
24 Alexander, at the 2021 State Conference with the focus of continually working toward the
25 mission, values, and goals of the national office as well as the vision of the state coalition.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize and commend the National Council of Negro Women for its many outstanding
28 contributions on behalf of women in this state and beyond as well as extend best wishes for
29 continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the National
32 Council of Negro Women.