

Senate Resolution 949

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Booker T. Washington Comprehensive High School and honoring the Class of
2 1952; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there is only one school in Atlanta, Georgia, named for the famed educator
4 Booker Taliaferro Washington and that is the illustrious Booker Taliaferro Washington
5 Comprehensive High School, which has continuously epitomized the qualities of excellence
6 which are forever associated with its namesake; and

7 WHEREAS, Booker T. Washington Comprehensive High School was founded in 1924 under
8 the auspices of the Atlanta Board of Education with the late Charles L. Harper serving as its
9 first principal; and

10 WHEREAS, it has the historical distinction of being the first public high school for black
11 students in the City of Atlanta; and

12 WHEREAS, situated on a 21.4 acre tract of land, Booker T. Washington was classified as
13 one of the largest public high schools in the southeast from its founding; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1924, the school's initial enrollment was 1,565 students with a staff of only
15 32 teachers; and

16 WHEREAS, today, Booker T. Washington has an enrollment of over 1,300 students with a
17 faculty and staff of 130; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1986, Booker T. Washington High School was placed on the National
19 Register of Historic Places; and

20 WHEREAS, for 78 years, Booker T. Washington Comprehensive High School has been
21 singularly dedicated to the goal of educating the children of Atlanta and the accomplishments

1 of its many illustrious graduates are many, varied, and worthy of great tribute and none more
2 so than the outstanding Class of 1952 whose members have proudly upheld the tradition of
3 excellence instilled by their alma mater; and

4 WHEREAS, Principal Harper and the many dedicated and talented principals and teachers
5 who have followed him and who have contributed to the school's outstanding achievements
6 are fondly remembered and greatly honored.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes
8 Booker T. Washington Comprehensive High School for its outstanding achievements and
9 invaluable contributions to the welfare of this state and nation and honors the distinguished
10 Class of 1952.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the principal of Booker T. Washington
13 Comprehensive High School.