

Senate Resolution 995

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Steen Miles; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Steen Miles is recognized as a pioneer among African Americans in the field  
3 of broadcast journalism, having begun her career in her hometown of South Bend, Indiana,  
4 where she was the first African American female television reporter; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1996, the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists presented her its  
6 prestigious Pioneer Journalist of the Year Award; and

7 WHEREAS, for her excellent work, she has received three Emmy awards and four Emmy  
8 award nominations; awards from the Gannett Corporation, the Associated Press, and the  
9 United Press International; and four Atlanta Association of Black Journalists awards; and

10 WHEREAS, in recognition of her many contributions, Ms. Miles has been honored by civic  
11 organizations as diverse as the Atlanta Project and the March of Dimes and by schools,  
12 churches, government agencies, businesses, and neighborhood associations; and

13 WHEREAS, she has also received the President's Award for Outstanding Community  
14 Service from the DeKalb County NAACP; and

15 WHEREAS, she is an honorary member of the South DeKalb Rotary Club and is a member  
16 of the Atlanta Association of Black Journalists, the National Council of Negro Women, and  
17 the National Women of Achievement; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Miles is an active member of the Greenforest Baptist Church, where she  
19 teaches Sunday school; and

1 WHEREAS, she serves on the advisory board of Emory University's Public Relations  
2 Council and is a member of the Atlanta Convention and Tourism Communications Council  
3 and the State Juvenile Justice Metro Youth Detention Center Advisory Board; and

4 WHEREAS, she retired in 1999 from WXIA-TV after a 30 year career in broadcasting as a  
5 reporter, anchor, talk show host, and manager; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Miles is currently the principal spokesperson for the Metropolitan Atlanta  
7 Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA).

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
9 honor Steen Miles for her distinguished and trailblazing career as a broadcast journalist and  
10 commend her for her many years of exemplary service to the citizens of the State of Georgia.

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 Steen Miles.