

Senate Resolution 1215

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Verna James Henderson; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mrs. Verna James Henderson on December 24, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, a native of Georgia, Verna James Henderson graduated from Booker T.  
5 Washington High School and Clark College, where she showed an early passion for  
6 education and an interest in a career in teaching; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1938, while attending Clark College, Verna James Henderson joined the  
8 sisterhood of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Pi Chapter; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to serving on the National Nominating committee, South Atlantic  
10 committee, Chapter Membership committee, Founder's Day committee, and Emerald  
11 Extravaganza Scholarship Luncheon committee, Mrs. Henderson also served two terms as  
12 president of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kappa Omega Chapter-Atlanta; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Henderson was recognized as an AKA Soror of Distinction, having earned  
14 the title of Diamond Member, an honor of merit bestowed upon Alpha Kappa Alpha women  
15 who have given 75 years of timeless service to their communities on the local, regional, and  
16 international levels; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Henderson led a distinguished career as an educator for more than 30 years  
18 and impacted the lives of hundreds of students in Atlanta Public Schools until her retirement  
19 as principal from Walter F. White Elementary School; and

20 WHEREAS, after retiring from Atlanta Public Schools, she served as interim director at the  
21 Interdenominational Theological Center; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Henderson was an active and long-standing member of Radcliffe  
23 Presbyterian Church, where she served as the Sunday school superintendent; and

24 WHEREAS, this compassionate and generous woman will long be remembered for her love  
25 of family, friendship to others, and dedicated advocacy for children; and

26 WHEREAS, having lived to be 99 years young, Verna James Henderson was a person of  
27 integrity, intelligence, and kindness who led by the example she made of her life; she helped  
28 make this world a better place in which to live, and she will be missed by all who had the  
29 great fortune of knowing her.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 join in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Verna James Henderson and express their  
32 deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Verna James  
35 Henderson.