

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.