

House Resolution 540

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Stephenson of the 90th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Anderson of the 92nd, Randall of the 142nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., and Chairwoman
2 Ingrid Saunders Jones; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, founded in 1935, the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., was based upon
4 the work and ideals of world-renowned educator and human rights activist Mary McLeod
5 Bethune; the council's mission is to represent the national and international concerns of Black
6 women and give them the opportunity to realize their goals for social justice and human
7 rights through united, constructive action; and

8 WHEREAS, the council's mission is fulfilled through its research, advocacy, and national
9 and community based services and programs on health, education, and economic
10 empowerment in the United States and Africa; and

11 WHEREAS, the National Council of Negro Women has an outreach of nearly four million
12 women, 39 national affiliates, and more than 240 sections; and

13 WHEREAS, recent examples of the organization's national and international programs
14 include the high-profile annual Black Family Reunion Program Celebration; a national
15 obesity abatement initiative; a partnership with national women's organizations in Benin to
16 deliver technology, literacy, microcredit, and economic empowerment programs; and a small
17 business incubator program in Senegal; and

18 WHEREAS, after 30 years of service to the Coca-Cola Company, during which time she led
19 the transformation of the company's philanthropic outreach and grew a United States focused
20 program into a global campaign that touches millions of lives each year, Ingrid Saunders
21 Jones accepted the role of chairwoman of the National Council of Negro Women in 2013;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the accomplishments and achievements of the National Council of Negro
24 Women, Inc., over the past seven decades have been remarkable, and under the leadership
25 Chairwoman Ingrid Saunders Jones, it continues to positively impact lives around the world.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 members of this body join in recognizing the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., and
28 Chairwoman Ingrid Saunders Jones for the great work the organization continues to
29 accomplish.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 National Council of Negro Women, Inc., and Chairwoman Ingrid Saunders Jones.