

Senate Resolution 947

By: Senators McKoon of the 29th, Bethel of the 54th, Stone of the 23rd and Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Georgia Association of Paralegals for its leadership and congratulating it
2 on its three National Federation of Paralegal Association awards; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Paralegals was founded in 1973 as the "Atlanta
4 Association of Legal Assistants, Inc.," with the objective of providing support for persons
5 entering this new field and creating a forum for contributing to the discussions and decisions
6 of both state and local bar associations regarding training and utilization of paralegals by
7 attorneys; and

8 WHEREAS, the organization's purpose is to enhance the role of paralegals in the legal
9 profession, to improve the working conditions of paralegals, and to maintain a continuing
10 relationship with bar associations throughout the state; and

11 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Paralegals is a member of the National Federation
12 of Paralegals Association ("NFPA") and was presented the following NFPA Awards of
13 Distinction in October, 2015: 1st Place for Top Referrals by a Local Association, President's
14 Award for Meeting the PACE Challenge, and President's Award for Meeting the PCCE
15 Challenge; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia's paralegals are recognized professionals and make significant
17 contributions to the legal profession; and

18 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Paralegals member Stephanie Jackson was awarded
19 the PCCE Scholarship in 2015; and

20 WHEREAS, member Kathy Winkleman was named Records Coordinator for the National
21 Federation of Paralegals Association; and

22 WHEREAS, member Melody Cox published an article entitled *You Condemn It, You Bought*
23 *It* in the Summer 2015 Issue of *The Paralegal Reporter*; and

24 WHEREAS, the organization's members are active participants in pro bono work through the
25 Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation; and

26 WHEREAS, members were active participants in community service projects in 2015
27 through Mad Housers, a winter clothing drive benefiting Gateway Community Services,
28 Hands on Atlanta Day at Cascade Elementary, and the creation of personal care bags for the
29 homeless; and

30 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Paralegals board members have diligently and
31 conscientiously worked to offer extensive networking, mentoring, and continuing education
32 opportunities to members and to Georgia's paralegal community; and

33 WHEREAS, the leadership of the Georgia Association of Paralegals include Suzette Corley,
34 President; Sabrina Henry, Vice President; Amy Roulhac, Treasurer; Nicole Dwarika,
35 Director of Pro Bono; Melody Cox, Director of Membership; Cynthia Bynum, Director of
36 Continuing Legal Education; Janet Wilson Williams, Director of Paralegal Certification;
37 Rochelle Spears Wilson, Director of Communication; Cynthia Bynum, Bar Liaison; Kelly
38 Ann Inman, Student Outreach Coordinator; Tramaine Beane, Community Service
39 Coordinator; Angela Caruso, Columbus Area Chair; Rhonda Hall, Macon Area Chair; Patty
40 Dietz-Selke, Board Advisor; Julie Lanford, Board Advisor; along with members of the 2015
41 Board, Camille Goble, Secretary, and Shannon Baisden, Director of Continuing Legal
42 Education; and

43 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the vital role that the Georgia
44 Association of Paralegals plays in Georgia's paralegal program and in the legal community.

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
46 commend the Georgia Association of Paralegals and congratulate it on its many accolades.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
48 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
49 Association of Paralegals.