

Senate Resolution 982

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Tonya Miller; 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 Tonya Miller on June 7, 2020; and

4 WHEREAS, Tonya Miller was born on April 25, 1965, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved
5 daughter of Isaiah Miller Sr. and Bernice Burroughs Miller-Johnson; and

6 WHEREAS, after graduating from Westwood High School, she attended Georgia State
7 University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in urban studies, and Central Michigan
8 University, where she earned a Master of Science in administration & health services
9 administration; and

10 WHEREAS, a transformative and determined leader, Tonya worked for several organizations
11 during her professional career, including Georgia Pacific, Macys, and the Georgia Public
12 Health Department of Maternal and Child Health; and

13 WHEREAS, a dedicated member of the community, she served as a life member of the
14 National Council of Negro Women Inc. (NCNW) and as a charter member of NCNW
15 DeKalb, where she was the youngest woman to serve as president for several terms; and

16 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
17 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
18 her family and friends were admired by others; and

19 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
20 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
21 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

22 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Tonya will long be remembered for her
23 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
24 fortune of knowing her.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 join in honoring the life and memory of Tonya Miller and express their deepest and most
27 sincere regret at her passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
30 Tonya Miller.