

Senate Resolution 804

By: Senators Wicks of the 34th and Anderson of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Geneva Heyward; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Geneva Heyward served as a guardian of this nation's
4 freedom and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting her
5 fellow Americans for 27 years as a Communications Electronic Officer in the Signal Corps
6 across both active duty and the Army Reserve; and

7 WHEREAS, a native of Beaufort, South Carolina, she earned her commission as a Second
8 Lieutenant upon graduation from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, beginning
9 her distinguished military career in 1981; and

10 WHEREAS, she completed the Signal Corps Officer Basic Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia,
11 and was assigned to the United States Army Communications Electronics Command Forces
12 as assigned CE Officer, where she was responsible for providing communications support
13 and services both stateside and abroad; and

14 WHEREAS, she was promoted to First Lieutenant in 1982 and was stationed in Germany in
15 1983 with the 52nd Signal Battalion, where she played a pivotal role in the successful
16 European Telephone Exchange Cutover; and

17 WHEREAS, after being promoted to Captain in 1985, she returned to Atlanta, Georgia, in
18 1986 and transitioned to the United States Army Reserve, joining the 335th Signal Theater
19 Command as a Communications Officer and Equal Opportunity Advisor; and

20 WHEREAS, she was promoted to Major in 1993 while continuing her service with the 335th
21 Signal Theater Command, later transferring to the 2nd Battalion, 347th Regiment, 87th
22 Division at Fort Eisenhower and subsequently serving as an Equal Opportunity Advisor and
23 Signal Lanes Officer-in-Charge at Fort Gillem; and

24 WHEREAS, she completed Command and General Staff College in 1994 and was promoted
25 to Lieutenant Colonel in 2000, joining the FORSCOM Augmentation Unit as Operations
26 Team Officer-in-Charge in G6, where she ensured the successful execution of 24-hour
27 communications operations at the United States Army Forces Command; and

28 WHEREAS, her final assignment was with the 1st Army Headquarters at Fort Gillem, where
29 she served as an Operations and Training Officer, ensuring units received the necessary
30 training materials and preparation; and

31 WHEREAS, a highly decorated veteran, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Heyward has earned
32 numerous awards and decorations, including the President's Lifetime Achievement Award
33 and two Meritorious Service Medals; and

34 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Heyward remains actively engaged in her community
35 as a charter and life member of the National Association of Black Military Women, where
36 she has volunteered with NABMW's Real Women Read initiative; and

37 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
38 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
40 recognize and commend Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Geneva Heyward for her exceptional
41 career and dedicated service to her nation and extend the most sincere best wishes for
42 continued health and happiness.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
44 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lieutenant
45 Colonel (Ret.) Geneva Heyward.