

Senate Resolution 972

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, James of the 28th, Strickland of the 42nd, Jones of the 10th and Anderson of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Shakila Henderson-Baker for her dedicated service to
2 the Newton County Board of Education and the Georgia School Boards Association; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Shakila Henderson-Baker, born and raised in Covington, Georgia, has
5 served with excellence and upheld her commitment to prioritizing education, students, and
6 families through her membership on the Newton County Board of Education since January
7 2011; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Henderson-Baker's leadership has been recognized statewide through her
9 service as Vice President of the Georgia School Boards Association for the 2020–2021 year
10 and her election as Georgia School Boards Association President-Elect; and

11 WHEREAS, she has advocated for public education through her service on the Georgia
12 School Boards Association Governmental Operations Committee and her appointment to
13 represent District 4 on the Georgia School Boards Association Board of Directors; and

14 WHEREAS, her academic accomplishments include graduating cum laude with a Bachelor
15 of Arts in Political Science from Fort Valley State University and earning a Master of

16 Science in Psychology and Counseling from Troy University, and she is continuing her
17 education through studies at Piedmont University toward a certificate in Early Childhood
18 Education; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Henderson-Baker extends her commitment to uplifting the community
20 through her professional work as a Mental Health Clinician and Behavioral Specialist,
21 combined with active volunteerism as an after-school tutor and coordinator for The Young
22 Legends teen-mentoring group, which has made a profound impact on the well-being and
23 development of Georgia's youth; and

24 WHEREAS, she serves as a cornerstone in the community as a charter and current member
25 of the Chi Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., providing essential
26 service to the citizens of Newton and Rockdale counties; and

27 WHEREAS, the continued success of the Newton County School System and the Georgia
28 School Boards Association reflects her extraordinary vision, leadership, and dedication to
29 advancing public education and educational advocacy.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend Mrs. Shakila Henderson-Baker for her outstanding service,
32 leadership, and advocacy in the realms of education and youth development.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs. Shakila
35 Henderson-Baker.