

House Resolution 124

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, and Davis of the 87th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the National Council of Negro Women; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) was founded in 1935 by Dr.
4 Mary McLeod Bethune, an influential educator and activist, and for more than 50 years, the
5 iconic Dr. Dorothy Irene Height served as national president; and

6 WHEREAS, NCNW is an "organization of organizations" composed of 330 campus and
7 community-based sections as well as 38 national women's organizations, enlightening,
8 inspiring, and connecting more than two million women and men; and

9 WHEREAS, NCNW programs are grounded on a foundation of critical concerns known as
10 "NCNW Priorities," which include advocating for education; encouraging entrepreneurship,
11 financial literacy, and economic stability; informing women about health; promoting
12 healthcare access; upholding civic engagement; and campaigning for sound public policy and
13 social justice; and

14 WHEREAS, the State Coalition of Georgia for NCNW was established on August 20, 2016,
15 through the efforts of Dr. A. Lois Keith, with Shara Denton of Valdosta, Georgia, elected as

16 the first state president to bolster NCNW's mission of leading, empowering, and advocating
17 for African American women, their families, and their communities; and

18 WHEREAS, the State Coalition of Georgia for NCNW is now led by Dr. Darlene
19 Ruffin-Alexander, convening over 13 community sections and 16 collegiate sections
20 throughout the state and hosting the annual NCNW Day at the Capitol as well as biennial
21 Leadership Training, State Conferences, and Bethune/Height Recognition Programs; and

22 WHEREAS, the State Coalition of Georgia is dedicated to sustaining the Core-4 priorities
23 of NCNW, which include Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship, Education
24 Empowerment and STEAM, Health Equity, and Social Justice.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend the National Council of Negro Women
27 for its many outstanding contributions on behalf of women in this state and beyond as well
28 as extend best wishes for continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 National Council of Negro Women.