

Senate Resolution 966

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Wicks of the 34th, Albers of the 56th, Jackson of the 41st, Davenport of the 17th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Dr. A. Lois Keith for her lifetime of exemplary leadership,
2 service, and unwavering commitment to the mission of the National Council of Negro
3 Women; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. A. Lois Keith is a Legacy Life Member and Bethune Achiever of the
5 National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) who has dedicated much of her life to
6 advancing the organization's mission of advocacy, leadership, and community empowerment;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, in 2016, Dr. Keith was honored to serve as Co-Chair of NCNW's 57th National
9 Convention and was elected to the position of National Vice President, reflecting the trust
10 and confidence placed in her leadership; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Keith has served as National Membership Chair during the administrations
12 of Dr. Dorothy I. Height and Ms. Ingrid Saunders Jones, contributing significantly to the
13 growth, sustainability, and strength of the organization; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2022, Dr. Keith was reappointed as National Vice President and served as
15 a member of the NCNW Transition Team, as well as Co-Chair of the 60th Biennial National
16 Convention; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Keith's extensive service to NCNW includes roles as Executive
18 Member-at-Large, member of the National Nominating Committee, member of the National
19 Re-Certification Committee, National Assistant Secretary, Co-Chair of Membership, and
20 member of the President's Circle; and

21 WHEREAS, at the local level, Dr. Keith has demonstrated steadfast leadership within the
22 DeKalb Section of NCNW, serving as President, First Vice President, Second Vice President,
23 Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Chair of the Leadership Committee, and as a charter member
24 of the DeKalb Pacesetters Life Guild; and

25 WHEREAS, beyond NCNW, Dr. Keith is a champion for equitable education, having earned
26 a Bachelor of Science in secondary education from Alabama A&M University, a master's
27 degree in middle school education from Georgia State University, and completing additional
28 studies at Mercer University, followed by a distinguished 30-year teaching career with the
29 Henry County School System; and

30 WHEREAS, Dr. Keith's excellence in education and service has been recognized through
31 numerous honors, including Teacher of the Year awards, nomination to *Who's Who Among*
32 *America's Teachers*, the Principal's Award, and the establishment of the Lois Keith
33 Trailblazer Award for Exemplary Community Service in her honor; and

34 WHEREAS, Dr. Keith's civic engagement further includes service with organizations such
35 as the East Metro Orchids, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Kappa Delta Pi

36 National Honor Society, and the Classy Sassy Red Hatters, reflecting a lifelong commitment
37 to leadership and service.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
39 honor and commend Dr. A. Lois Keith for her lifetime of leadership, service, and
40 transformative impact within NCNW, education, and the broader community.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
42 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. A. Lois Keith.