

Senate Resolution 384

By: Senators Martin of the 9th, Millar of the 40th, Unterman of the 45th, Dugan of the 30th, Miller of the 49th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Keion Carpenter; 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 Keion Carpenter on December 29, 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, Keion Carpenter was born in Baltimore, Maryland, a beloved son of William
5 and Teresa Harris; and

6 WHEREAS, he rose to fame as a star football player in his hometown and became a Virginia
7 Tech Hokie before joining the National Football League as a defensive back for the Buffalo
8 Bills where he played for three years and the Atlanta Falcons where he played for four years;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, after retiring from the NFL, he became a sportscaster and an inspirational
11 author and dedicated his talents to his nonprofit, The Carpenter House, which focuses to
12 support the development of healthy homes and environments for low income children to
13 thrive and reach their highest potential for academic success; and

14 WHEREAS, he also spent several years coaching and mentoring youth at Hebron Christian
15 Academy in Dacula, Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Tonia, and was blessed with
17 four remarkable children, Kymiah, Kierra, Kyle, and Kennedy; and

18 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
20 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Keion Carpenter will long be remembered
25 for his love of family and friendship and will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
26 knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 join in honoring the life and memory of Keion Carpenter and express their deepest and most
29 sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
32 Keion Carpenter.