

Senate Resolution 953

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd, Williams of the 39th, Harrell of the 40th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Brenda Porter and Impact Theatre Atlanta; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Brenda Porter has made history by being the only African American female in
4 Atlanta to head her own theatre, giving opportunities to fledgling actors, playwrights, set
5 designers, and stage managers; and

6 WHEREAS, over the last six years, Impact Theatre Atlanta has produced 17 plays, 70
7 percent of which were written by women playwrights and nine by Atlanta playwrights; five
8 of the productions have had world premieres and two have had Atlanta premieres; and

9 WHEREAS, Impact Theatre Atlanta plays are known for stimulating lively talkback
10 discussions following productions, for featuring historical African American figures, and for
11 focusing on women's navigation of life, love, and loss; and

12 WHEREAS, this company offers a range of opportunities to the community, including
13 internships, dance classes, workshops, and a museum display of Georgia families; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2020, Impact Theatre Atlanta will produce *The Roommate* and *Real Women*
15 *Have Curves* with all-female casts; and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
17 extraordinary company be appropriately recognized.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize and commend Brenda Porter and Impact Theatre Atlanta for their contributions to
20 performing arts in the State of Georgia.

- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Brenda Porter.