

House Resolution 714

By: Representative Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Representative Simone Bell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Representative Simone Bell of House District 58 has long been recognized by
3 the citizens of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep
4 personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, prior to serving in the Georgia House of Representatives, she worked in health
6 care as an administrator with Emory University Health and private practice offices, managing
7 physician practices, coordinating patient services, and serving as a liaison between patients,
8 physicians, and outside vendors; and

9 WHEREAS, this work led her to the nonprofit sector, where she worked for the Health
10 Initiative and Lambda Legal as a community educator, and in these roles, she traveled across
11 Georgia and the South, educating communities about the need for access to affordable and
12 quality health care; and she also mobilized the LGBTQ community to work towards securing
13 rights and policies that set standards for full equality and civil rights; and

14 WHEREAS, she won a special election in 2009, becoming the first African American lesbian
15 to serve in a State House in the United States, and she has served for three sessions and is on
16 the Children and Youth, State Planning and Community Affairs, and Human Relations and
17 Aging Committees; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Bell is a 2003 graduate of Agnes Scott College, receiving a
19 Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature and creative writing, with a concentration in
20 religion and women's studies; and

21 WHEREAS, she has received numerous awards for her work in community building,
22 advocacy, and organizing; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
24 remarkable and distinguished individual and public servant be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body recognize and commend Representative Simone Bell.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Representative Simone Bell.