

## Senate Resolution 333

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones of the 10th, Harbison of the 15th, Sims of the 12th, Jones II of the 22nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Ashley D. Bell of Gainesville, Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ashley D. Bell has proven to be an upstanding attorney and citizen; and

3 WHEREAS, after graduating from Gainesville High School and prior to obtaining a juris  
4 doctorate degree, Bell graduated from Valdosta State University with a degree in political  
5 science and a minor in African American studies; and

6 WHEREAS, at age 27, this distinguished gentleman was elected the youngest person ever  
7 to serve on the Hall County Board of Commissioners and the first African American male  
8 to serve in elected office within Hall County government; and

9 WHEREAS, Bell is a distinguished member of the State Bar of Georgia, having been named  
10 a "Rising Star" by *The Daily Report*, one of the "Top 40 under 40 Lawyers in America" by  
11 the American Bar Association, "Top 40 under 40" by *Georgia Trend Magazine*, National  
12 Impact Leader of the Year by Impact DC, and most recently, an Outstanding Alumnus of  
13 Valdosta State University; and

14 WHEREAS, Bell previously served with distinction as general counsel to the Georgia  
15 Association of Black County Officials and the Georgia Conference of Black Mayors, as  
16 senior advisor and special counsel to the president of the World Conference of Mayors, as  
17 co-chairman and co-founder of 20/20 Leaders of America, and as a member of the National  
18 Association of Counties, the Young Elected Officials Network, and the National Council of  
19 the American Israel Public Affairs Committee; and

20 WHEREAS, his determination, intelligence, and work ethic put Bell in position as the  
21 highest ranking African American staff member of the Republican National Committee  
22 during the 2016 election cycle while serving in a key role as senior strategist and director of  
23 African American Initiatives; and

24 WHEREAS, the Senate recognizes Bell during the 2017 Black History Month in honor of  
25 his service to the citizens of Georgia and this nation; and

26 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has appointed Ashley D. Bell to a senior position  
27 of his administration as special assistant to the Secretary of State, it is abundantly fitting and  
28 proper that this outstanding native Georgian be further recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 honor and commend Ashley D. Bell for his outstanding accomplishments.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ashley D. Bell.