

Senate Resolution 661

By: Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Delandra Vinson, Jasmine Bradfield, Nyasha Bonner, Sarah Henderson,
2 Crystal Hanner, Tracy Goddard-Johnson, Rachel Hart, Rhonda Nar Sanders, Melissa Renae
3 Burgess, Paige Beckett, Beverly Maria Cranford, Tamara Taitt, Anjli Hinman, Marsha Ford,
4 Kaci Griffin, Bethany Erby, Janisa Camille Simmons, Teri Boles, Stephanie Crunk, Meka
5 Hall, and Morgan Karaj and recognizing February 21, 2024, as Certified Community
6 Midwife Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

7 WHEREAS, Delandra Vinson, Jasmine Bradfield, Nyasha Bonner, Sarah Henderson, Crystal
8 Hanner, Tracy Goddard-Johnson, Rachel Hart, Rhonda Nar Sanders, Melissa Renae Burgess,
9 Paige Beckett, Beverly Maria Cranford, Tamara Taitt, Anjli Hinman, Marsha Ford, Kaci
10 Griffin, Bethany Erby, Janisa Camille Simmons, Teri Boles, Stephanie Crunk, Meka Hall,
11 and Morgan Karaj have long been recognized by their peers and citizens of this state for their
12 major accomplishments and essential roles as community midwives, community health
13 workers, and doulas as well as their commitment to better outcomes for maternal child
14 health; and

15 WHEREAS, they have intentionally adapted and/or have been pioneers of best practices with
16 countless hours dedicated to their community across Georgia, which has the highest rates of
17 maternal and infant morbidity and death. They have proven to have the best outcomes for

18 mothers. They have all, in their own way and by their own experiences, paved the way for
19 future community midwives and birth workers by creating educational programs, services,
20 and models of care that improve outcomes and reduce the risks of premature birth and infant
21 and maternal morbidity and mortality; and

22 WHEREAS, they have earned distinction and recognition for their outstanding work in
23 community midwifery and are honorary recipients of the Certified Community Midwife™
24 by endorsement, Certified Community Birth Assistant™, or Certified Community Doula™
25 by endorsement for their years of dedicated service, skills and competency, and unyielding
26 compassion for humanity; and

27 WHEREAS, the hallmarks of community midwifery emphasize community-based
28 interpersonal relationships, health promotion with preventive care, health education,
29 continuity care, recognition of abnormalities in early stages, and skillful communication with
30 a collaborative health care team, such as physicians, mid-level providers, and specialists; and

31 WHEREAS, this nation has a centuries-old history of midwives giving conscientious care
32 to the women in their communities and evidence of better outcomes than physicians and
33 hospital providers for low-risk women; and

34 WHEREAS, through the ages, there have been revered community-chosen midwives
35 throughout the world; and

36 WHEREAS, it is most appropriate to honor these remarkable individuals for their
37 outstanding work in modeling to this great state how to keep low-risk mothers and babies
38 low-risk and safe from harm during the childbearing year.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
40 commend Delandra Vinson, Jasmine Bradfield, Nyasha Bonner, Sarah Henderson, Crystal
41 Hanner, Tracy Goddard-Johnson, Rachel Hart, Rhonda Nar Sanders, Melissa Renae Burgess,
42 Paige Beckett, Beverly Maria Cranford, Tamara Taitt, Anjli Hinman, Marsha Ford, Kaci
43 Griffin, Bethany Erby, Janisa Camille Simmons, Teri Boles, Stephanie Crunk, Meka Hall,
44 and Morgan Karaj as well as recognize February 21, 2024, as Certified Community Midwife
45 Day at the state capitol.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
47 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
48 press.