

House Resolution 1689

By: Representative Waites of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chairman Eldrin Bell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Chairman Eldrin Bell completed his undergraduate studies at Morris Brown
3 University and Georgia State University; his graduate studies at Harvard Law School,
4 Northwestern University Institute, and Atlanta University; received training at the FBI
5 Academy, National Executive Institute, and Secret Service Academy; and completed the
6 Association County Commissioners of Georgia certification program; and

7 WHEREAS, Chairman Bell is a veteran of the Atlanta Police Department where he dedicated
8 33 years of service, during which time he managed 2,300 employees and a \$100 million
9 budget as police chief and successfully secured over \$50 million in grants for the department;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, he was elected as commission chairman in November of 2004 to serve the
12 citizens of Clayton County; and

13 WHEREAS, he has been responsible for various community service programs, including the
14 Clayton County Library Foundation, an online live tutorial program for Clayton County
15 children from fourth grade to freshmen college students; and

16 WHEREAS, Chairman Bell successfully led the committee to pass legislation giving Clayton
17 County and its cities over \$300 million in revenue to support parks, green space, libraries,
18 and roads; and

19 WHEREAS, he is a member of many civic and professional organizations, including
20 chairman of the Clayton County Regional Health Board, vice-chairman of the Transportation
21 Steering Committee for the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Transportation
22 Board for NACo, past chairman of the Regional Transportation Planning Board, Atlanta
23 Regional Commission Board Member and chairman of ARC's Aging Committee, Corner

24 Stone Board Member of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, associate member of the Gate
25 City Bar Association, and life member of Clayton County NAACP; and

26 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, he is an active member of Salem Bible Baptist
27 Church where he is an ordained Elder and a government relations advisor to Pastor Jasper
28 William, Jr.; and

29 WHEREAS, he is the proud father of 13 remarkable children, grandfather of 13 wonderful
30 grandchildren, and great-grandfather of six adored great-grandchildren; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the accomplishments of this
32 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Chairman Eldrin Bell on a lifetime of efficient, effective,
35 unselfish, and dedicated public service to Clayton County and the State of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chairman Eldrin Bell.