

House Resolution 413

By: Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Stovall of the 74th, Douglas of the 78th, Waites of the 60th, Mabra of the 63rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Chairman Eldrin Bell and inviting him to appear before the
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

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

8 WHEREAS, a public servant for 41 years, he was elected as chairman of the Clayton County
9 Board of Commissioners in 2004 and served the citizens of Clayton County for eight years;
10 and

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

14 WHEREAS, Chairman Bell led the committee to pass the 2008 SPLOST legislation giving
15 Clayton County and its cities over \$300 million in revenue to support parks, green space,
16 libraries, and roads; and

17 WHEREAS, he is a member of many civic and professional organizations, and was a
18 chairman of the Clayton County Regional Health Board, vice chairman of the Transit and
19 Transportation Board National Association of Counties (NACO), past chairman of the
20 Regional Transportation Planning Board, Atlanta Regional Commission, and chairman of
21 ARC's Aging Committee, Corner Stone Board Member of the Georgia Chamber of
22 Commerce, life member of Clayton County NAACP, and is currently the chairman of
23 Making A Way Housing, Inc.; and

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

27 WHEREAS, he is the proud father of 13 remarkable children, grandfather of 16 wonderful
28 grandchildren, and great-grandfather of nine adored great-grandchildren; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Chairman Eldrin Bell on a lifetime of efficient, effective,
33 unselfish, and dedicated public service to Clayton County and the State of Georgia and invite
34 him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the
35 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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.