

House Resolution 1048

By: Representative Jones of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the memory of Ms. Marcia Lynn Clark Dell; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Marcia Lynn Clark Dell was born September 19, 1955, to Lois Maxine Clark
4 Sweeney and the late Willie Lee Sweeney, Sr., in Atlanta; and

5 WHEREAS, Marcia began her school career in the New York City public schools and
6 returned to Atlanta to excel in the Atlanta public schools, and she was chosen to be bussed
7 to then O'Keefe High School, now a part of Georgia Tech's campus, where she graduated
8 with honors in June, 1973, and where she met the man who would become her husband, Mr.
9 Gerald S. Dell; and

10 WHEREAS, Marcia was a teen mother and wife who continued to strive toward her goals
11 of education and success on her terms, and she had plans to attend law school after retirement
12 from the Atlanta Police Department in 2010, but those plans were ultimately interrupted; and

13 WHEREAS, as the president and CEO of Law Enforcement Services, Marcia wrote and
14 taught training programs for women in law enforcement and attended a trade mission to
15 Trinidad and Tobago, where she shared her knowledge and experiences with the law
16 enforcement community there and trained and helped to certify women in the proper
17 handling and use of a firearm; and

18 WHEREAS, someone in the law enforcement community aptly summed up Marcia's
19 commitment when he said, "I have found that the building blocks of protecting others is
20 nobility, integrity, courage, and enthusiasm, in which we have found to be the exact traits
21 that defined Sgt. Dell. Moreover, as a trailblazer, Sgt. Dell has opened the doors for many
22 of us who came behind her, her dedication and professionalism encourages us to do our best,
23 her kindness and her smile will never be forgotten"; and

24 WHEREAS, Marcia was preceded in death by her father, Willie Lee Sweeney, Sr.; four
25 brothers, James, Arthur, Ronald, and Willie, Jr., "Oya"; and four nephews, Jermaine, Willie
26 III "Teeba," Gary, and Robert "Pookie"; and she leaves to cherish her memory her mother,
27 Lois Maxine Sweeney; beloved son, Marlon Dell; four grandchildren, Keaira, Alexis, Aisha,
28 and Jordan; godparents, Ozell and Joanna Sutton; six sisters, Jacquelyn, Bonnie, Sabrina,
29 Robin, CaSandra "Kim," and Yolanda; three brothers, Nehemiah "Larry," Alvin, and Ahmed;
30 and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends, and coworkers.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Ms. Marcia Lynn Clark Dell and
33 convey condolences to her loving family and friends.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Marcia
36 Lynn Clark Dell.