

## House Resolution 1948

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Lumsden of the 12<sup>th</sup>, and Coomer of the 14<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Loving Hearts, Helping Hands: 2016 Heart of the Community Board of  
2 Governors recipient, Dr. Sidney A. Bell; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a native of Athens and a graduate of Athens High School, Dr. Sidney A. Bell  
4 received a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Sciences from the University of Georgia,  
5 obtained his Medical Doctor degree from the Medical College of Georgia, completed his  
6 internship at the University of Texas Southwestern Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas, and  
7 completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Virginia; and

8 WHEREAS, he valiantly and courageously served in the United States Navy as a General  
9 Medical Officer during the Vietnam War; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Bell joined the Harbin Clinic in 1974 and practiced orthopedic surgery in  
11 Rome at Floyd Medical Center and Redmond Regional Hospital for 34 years before retiring  
12 in 2008; and

13 WHEREAS, he started the first Total Joint replacement and first Total Hip and Total Knee  
14 replacements program in Northwest Georgia at Redmond in 1974; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Bell started a free sports injury clinic on Saturday and Monday mornings  
16 for all area schools to provide free annual standardized physical examinations for high school  
17 athletes; served for 25 years as the football team physician for Darlington School, receiving  
18 the Trustee Award of appreciation for his service; and served for 20 years as the football  
19 team physician for Pepperell High School, receiving an award of appreciation from the  
20 Pepperell High School Dragon Club; and

21 WHEREAS, he was inducted in to the Rome Floyd Sports Hall of Fame for over 25 years  
22 of meritorious service to area student athletes, and the fourth floor of Redmond Regional  
23 Hospital was named the Sidney A. Bell Joint Center; and

24 WHEREAS, he has diligently served on various boards and organizations around the  
25 community, thereby deservedly receiving the Distinguished Service, Patron of Youth, Life  
26 Membership, and Life Trustee awards from the Rome YMCA; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Bell has been an active member of First United Methodist Church since  
28 1974, serving on various committees; and

29 WHEREAS, he has set the standard for public service in his community, and it is abundantly  
30 fitting and proper that this exemplary Georgian be recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize Dr. Sidney A. Bell and congratulate him on being a  
33 Loving Hearts, Helping Hands: 2016 Heart of the Community Board of Governors recipient.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.  
36 Sidney A. Bell.