

House Resolution 561

By: Representative Reese of the 140th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Congresswoman Nikema Williams; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Nikema Williams has been a tireless advocate for social
3 justice, women, and families throughout her distinguished career, consistently working to
4 ensure economic equity, voting rights, healthcare access, and reproductive justice for all
5 communities; and

6 WHEREAS, as a member of Congress, she carries forward the legacy of her mentor and
7 predecessor, Congressman John Lewis, by actively fighting against voter suppression and
8 advocating for free and fair access to the ballot box; and

9 WHEREAS, she was elected Freshman Class President for the 117th Congress, where she
10 played a pivotal role in organizing and advancing the interests of her freshman democratic
11 colleagues to fulfill their oath to serve the people; and

12 WHEREAS, she is an engaged member of numerous caucuses, including the Congressional
13 Black Caucus, Democratic Women's Caucus, Congressional Progressive Caucus, Voting
14 Rights Caucus, LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus, and the HBCU Caucus; and

15 WHEREAS, before her congressional service, she was a dedicated member of the Georgia
16 State Senate, where she fearlessly stood against voter suppression, and during the aftermath
17 of the 2018 Georgia elections, she was arrested at the Georgia State Capitol while peacefully
18 protesting to demand that every vote be counted; and

19 WHEREAS, her extensive advocacy and legislative efforts have earned her numerous
20 accolades, including recognition as one of *Georgia Trend* magazine's 100 Most Influential
21 Georgians as well as honors such as Forty Under Forty, Power 30 Under 30, Outstanding
22 Atlanta, and Who's Who in Black Atlanta; and

23 WHEREAS, she has remained steadfast in her mission to elevate marginalized voices,
24 ensuring that all people, regardless of their background, economic status, or ZIP code, have
25 equitable opportunities and representation in government; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize and commend Congresswoman Nikema Williams for her
30 efficient, effective, and dedicated public service as well as her continued advocacy in the
31 fight for justice and equality and extend best wishes for her continued success.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
34 Congresswoman Nikema Williams.