

House Resolution 961

By: Representatives Barnes of the 86th, Bennett of the 94th, Hugley of the 141st, Willis of the 55th, Kendrick of the 95th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Sherilyn P. Bell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sherilyn P. Bell is a highly respected healthcare professional whose career
3 spans clinical research, laboratory management, and public health, including five years in
4 stem cell clinical trials and extensive work in high-complexity testing; and

5 WHEREAS, she has demonstrated excellence across multiple leadership roles in laboratory
6 science, including as Laboratory Manager at Response Technologies Inc., Lead Viral Load
7 Technologist at the Public Health Laboratory in Decatur, and Auditor for Patient Service
8 Centers at the Laboratory Corporation of America; and

9 WHEREAS, she has also served as a tireless healthcare advocate both at the United States
10 Capitol and in the State of Georgia through her work with the Lymphedema Advocacy Group
11 and the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network, lobbying alongside the late Congressman John
12 Lewis and other national advocates to push forward critical patient protections; and

13 WHEREAS, through her leadership and persistence, she helped achieve the passage of the
14 U.S. Lymphedema Treatment Act, first introduced in 2010 and passed by Congress on

15 December 23, 2022, after more than 12 years and seven congressional sessions, closing the
16 coverage gap in Medicare for doctor-prescribed compression garments; and

17 WHEREAS, her commitment to public service further includes volunteer work with the
18 American Red Cross, New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, Atlanta Day Shelter, and cancer
19 support organizations, providing screenings, education, and support to underserved
20 communities; and

21 WHEREAS, she is a dedicated mother and grandmother as well as a proud member of the
22 Lambda Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and

23 WHEREAS, Sherilyn P. Bell's career and advocacy reflect her dedication to patient care,
24 scientific excellence, and equitable healthcare access, earning her the admiration of
25 colleagues and the gratitude of communities across Georgia and beyond; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable individual be
27 appropriately honored during this special time.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Sherilyn P. Bell for her extraordinary professional
30 achievements and enduring contributions to healthcare and advocacy as well as extend best
31 wishes for 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 Sherilyn P. Bell.