

House Resolution 1634

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Schofield of the 63rd, Davis of the 87th, Burnough of the 77th, and Jones of the 60th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Jody Thomas for her distinguished leadership and service; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Jody Thomas has faithfully served as Executive Director of the National
3 Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) since December 2013, providing visionary
4 leadership, strategic direction, and steadfast management in alignment with the mission and
5 goals established by its Board of Directors; and
- 6 WHEREAS, under her exceptional stewardship, NFWL has experienced strengthened policy
7 development, expanded programming, enhanced communications, responsible financial
8 management, and successful fundraising initiatives-ensuring the long-term stability,
9 sustainability, and growth of the organization; and
- 10 WHEREAS, at a pivotal time when the future of NFWL was uncertain, Jody Thomas
11 demonstrated courage, collaboration, and an unwavering commitment to excellence, working
12 hand in hand with the Board of Directors to secure a strong and hopeful path forward for
13 women legislators nationwide; and
- 14 WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, she has been a tireless champion of bipartisan
15 cooperation, consistently encouraging leaders to rise above party divisions in order to

16 advance sound public policy, strengthen civic discourse, and serve the greater good of the
17 American people; and

18 WHEREAS, her leadership cultivated a welcoming, inclusive, and diverse environment
19 within NFWL's membership and executive leadership, reflecting her belief that
20 representation, respect, and collaboration are the cornerstones of effective governance; and

21 WHEREAS, with more than 30 years of distinguished service in public affairs and
22 government relations, Ms. Thomas has held numerous prominent positions, including
23 National Finance Director for two presidential campaigns, partner in a public affairs firm,
24 fundraiser and political director for Congressman J. C. Watts, and appointee of President
25 George W. Bush as Director of Public Liaison for the Office of Personnel Management; and

26 WHEREAS, beyond her professional accomplishments, Jody Thomas is widely respected
27 as a trusted advisor, mentor, and friend to countless women leaders across the nation,
28 offering guidance, encouragement, and wisdom to those navigating public service and
29 government relations; and

30 WHEREAS, her legacy is defined not only by measurable organizational success, but by the
31 relationships she nurtured, the leaders she developed, and the bipartisan spirit she
32 consistently modeled.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body recognize and commend Jody Thomas as a woman who stands
35 among the very best in leadership-an architect of opportunity, a guardian of institutional
36 excellence, and a steadfast champion for women in public service across the United States.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that her dedication to empowering women legislators,
38 strengthening bipartisan collaboration, and ensuring the continued success of the National
39 Foundation for Women Legislators shall serve as an enduring example of principled
40 leadership and service.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Jody
43 Thomas.