

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 248

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

A RESOLUTION

To commend Angela A. Allen-Bell of the Southern University Law Center for her achievements as a legal scholar.

WHEREAS, a 1992 graduate of Northwestern State University, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science, Angela A. Allen-Bell graduated from Southern University Law Center in 1998; and

WHEREAS, after law school, she spent more than a decade working at the First Circuit Court of Appeal, serving for nearly ten of those years as a staff attorney and gaining expertise in appellate law; and

WHEREAS, now serving as an associate professor at her alma mater, the Southern University Law Center, she has taught a variety of courses and currently holds the prestigious B.K. Agnihotri Endowed Professorship and is the director of the law center's Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice; and

WHEREAS, Professor Bell's contributions as a legal scholar reach beyond the halls of the Southern University Law Center; she is widely respected and admired throughout the country for her scholarship, particularly in the fields of civil and human rights, social and restorative justice, and the interplay between race and justice; notably, her research played a significant role in the movement that resulted in the end of nonunanimous juries in Louisiana, and she has worked tirelessly on several other historic advocacy campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Professor Bell has also shared her vast knowledge through numerous presentations, published writings, and local, state, and international collaborations, her submission of testimony to the United States Senate, and many media appearances in the United States and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Professor Bell serves with distinction as a member of the National Black Lawyers-Top 100, the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, the National Lawyers Guild, the American Bar Association, the Louisiana Bar Association, and the Baton Rouge Bar Association and also serves her community through various civic activities; and

WHEREAS, Professor Bell has been the deserving recipient of several awards and recognitions, including the Southern University Law Center Excellence in Research and Public Interest Service Award and being chosen as "Favorite Professor"; and

WHEREAS, Angela A. Allen-Bell merits a special measure of commendation for her unwavering determination to fight injustice and her commitment to achieving racial and social justice in the state of Louisiana and the United States of America.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Angela A. Allen-Bell of the Southern University Law Center for her achievements as a legal scholar; does hereby recognize and record for posterity the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to this state; and does hereby extend to her best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Angela A. Allen-Bell.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES