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Eklund, Burke, Kunze, LaRose, Obhof, Bacon, Coley, Dolan, Gardner,
Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Lehner**

A RESOLUTION

In memory of Charlotte A. Bell.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 132nd General 1
Assembly of Ohio extend heartfelt condolences to the family and 2
friends of Charlotte A. Bell in their time of bereavement; and 3

WHEREAS, Although there are no words to ease the sadness now 4
felt, surely there is solace in having been touched by such an 5
outstanding person as Charlotte Bell. The love, compassion, and 6
understanding which she so readily extended to others will long 7
remain in the hearts and minds of all who knew and loved her; and 8

WHEREAS, Charlotte Bell left an indelible impression on the 9
people whose lives she touched, and she will long be remembered as 10
a spirited individual who contributed immeasurably to the world 11
around her. A founding member of the National Coalition of 100 12
Black Women Columbus Chapter, she was a dedicated to raising 13
awareness of Lupus and its impact on the African-American 14
community, and she formed an Urban Lupus Support Group and 15
testified before the Ohio House of Representatives to secure state 16
funding for Lupus programs. She established a legacy which will 17
surely live on; and 18

WHEREAS, Charlotte Bell's concern for improving the quality 19
of life in our society was clearly evident in the number of honors 20
bestowed upon her, including having the Franklin County ADAMH 21

Therapeutic Residential Facility renamed The Bell Center in honor 22
of her work in the areas of mental health and addiction disorders. 23
In addition, she was active with the People of Color/Survivors of 24
Suicide support group, which she helped establish, and the Ohio 25
Department of Mental Health Suicide Prevention Planning Committee, 26
which founded the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation. Giving 27
generously of her time, energy, and abilities far beyond what was 28
required or expected, she displayed exceptional concern and 29
insight and was tireless in her efforts to better society for 30
future generations; therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 125th 32
General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, pay tribute 33
to the memory of a truly honorable woman, Charlotte A. Bell; and 34
be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 36
authenticated copy of this Resolution to the family of Charlotte 37
A. Bell. 38