

## House Resolution 1325

By: Representatives Bazemore of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Frazier of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Watson of the 172<sup>nd</sup>, and Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ashley Bell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ashley Bell has been appointed by the United States Small Business  
3 Administration to the position of Regional Administrator for Region IV, which covers  
4 Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and  
5 Tennessee; and

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7 WHEREAS, Ashley has led a prestigious career in government, evidenced by his election  
8 as Hall County Commissioner at the age of 27; his role as Senior Strategist and National  
9 Director of African American Engagement at the Republican National Committee, as one of  
10 four national spokespersons for the RNC, and as a critical surrogate for the Trump  
11 Campaign; his service to the United States and its allies as a Special Assistant in the Public  
12 Affairs Bureau of the United States Department of State; and his appointment by the  
13 President of the United States as Associate Director of Peace Corps; and

14 WHEREAS, he began his career as a public defender and went on to become a trial attorney  
15 and co-founder of the law firm Bell & Washington, LLP, based in Atlanta, Georgia, and the  
16 American Bar Association recently recognized him as one of the 2016 "Top 40 Young  
17 Lawyers"; and

18 WHEREAS, Ashley has founded organizations such as Generation Inspiration through which  
19 he works with at-risk schoolchildren of color and 20/20 Leaders of America, a bipartisan  
20 group dedicated to changing the political atmosphere surrounding issues of criminal justice;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, he is an entrepreneur at heart and understands the challenges and successes that  
23 small business owners face; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding achievements of this  
25 extraordinary Georgian be appropriately recognized.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
27 the members of this body recognize and commend Ashley Bell for his many contributions  
28 to the State of Georgia and the United States of America and extend to him their sincere best  
29 wishes for continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
32 Ashley Bell.