



## **A Resolution Calling for A Black Woman Supreme Court Justice**

**Committee: Women's Issues**

**Resolution: SEJ-20-07**

1. **Whereas** the Supreme Court of the United States of America (SCOTUS) is the highest
2. court in the federal judiciary of the United States of America.
3. **Whereas** In our nation's history, there have been 114 Supreme Court Justices, none of
4. which have been black women.
5. **Whereas** The lack of representation on the highest court of the land leaves out the
6. perspective of some of our nation's most civically engaged yet vulnerable voices, the
7. voices of Black Women.
8. **Whereas** The courts have the ability to either move us forward, or hold us up from
9. making progress. These political times call for the intentional inclusion of the views of
10. black women in leadership.
11. **Whereas** In a democracy of, for, and by the people, freedom and liberty can't be
12. delivered to all until our institutions authentically reflect the extraordinary diversity of
13. People, perspectives, and contributions that make our country special.
14. **Whereas** the Supreme Court would benefit from a Black woman justice sharing her point
15. of view in deliberation with colleagues, to foster a more complete awareness of the
16. variety of litigants and communities' future rulings may impact disproportionately.
17. **Whereas** marginalized communities in the U.S., particularly communities of color, have
18. been denied basic civil rights as a result of Supreme Court rulings that have not

19. appropriately valued their needs and experiences.

20. **Whereas** new cases with broad socio-economic implications in access to healthcare,

21. Voting, and other civil rights are headed for the Court and would benefit from a Black

22. women justice. For example, the Supreme Court should act to protect the ability of

23. people to vote and have their vote counted, but over the past decade, the Court has been

24. an opponent of voting rights.

25. **Whereas** during the pandemic, the Supreme Court has stepped in to prevent states from

26. taking common sense steps to enable people to vote safely, forcing Americans to choose

27. between their health and exercising their right to vote.

28. **Whereas** with the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, it is time for a

29. Black Woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court that will keep the court balanced and

30. impartial.

31. **Whereas** the time is now for a Black woman Supreme Court Justice. From ending police

32. violence and racial profiling to advocating for healthcare access, Black women have

33. shown up for our democracy, for our protests, and for our community.

34. **Whereas** Black Women have demonstrated that we are not only in support of policies

35. and laws that will improve the lives of all Americans, but they are also willing to fight for

36. them.

37. **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that NOBEL Women demand a Supreme Court that is

38. balanced and representative of all communities in the United States of America.

39. **Be it further resolved** that NOBEL women will support the She Will Rise is an initiative

40. of Demand Justice working to ensure greater equality in America by ensuring a Black

41. woman justice in the U.S. Supreme Court for the first time ever.

42. **Be it finally resolved** that NOBEL Women was established to increase and promote the  
43. presence of Black Women in Government, equitable representation on the higher court in  
44. the land is especially important to NOBEL Women. Black Women have earned a seat at  
45. the table and a voice on the bench!

**Introduced by: The Honorable Tonya Anderson**

**Georgia General Assembly**