



A Resolution honoring the life and legacy of The Honorable Gwen Moore
Committee: General **Resolution: GEA-20-02**

1. **Whereas** the Honorable Gwen Moore was born on October 28th, 1940 in Los Angeles,
2. California;
3. **Whereas** The Honorable Gwen Moore graduated with her Bachelors and Masters
4. Degrees in Public Administration from California State University, Los Angeles. She
5. received a teaching credential from the University of California, Los Angeles and served
6. as a Los Angeles County deputy probation officer, an administrator in the Manpower and
7. Development Training Program, and director of public affairs for the Los Angeles
8. Community Action Agency. She was a community college professor and former elected
9. member of the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees;
10. **Whereas** the Honorable Gwen Moore was first elected to the California State Legislature
11. in 1978 and served for 16 years until 1994, representing California's 49th district
12. (redistricted and renumbered in 1990 as the 47th district), which currently includes Long
13. Beach, Catalina Island and parts of Los Angeles and Orange counties;
14. **Whereas** while serving in the Assembly, she introduced over 400 bills that were signed
15. into law. She also served as Majority Whip and was a member of a number of influential
16. committees, including the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee;
17. **Whereas** The Honorable Gwen Moore legislative efforts were focused around Adoption,
18. business issues, domestic violence, gang violence, low income housing, Parental and
19. Family Leave, private club discrimination, public utilities and telecommunications,
20. recycling, transportation, utilities, and weight distance;
21. **Whereas** the Honorable Gwen Moore served on the following committee during her
22. tenure as a member of the California State Legislature: Revenue and Taxation,
23. 1979-1984, Housing and Community Development, 1979-1980, Human Resources,
24. 1979-1980, Criminal Justice, 1981-1982, Public Employees and Retirement, 1981-1982,
25. Human Services, 1981-1982, Utilities and Commerce, Chair, 1983-1994, Criminal Law

26. and Public Safety, 1983-1984, Labor and Employment, 1983-1994, Transportation,
27. 1983-1984, Consumer Protection, 1985-1986, Finance and Insurance, 1985-1994, Public
28. Safety, 1985-1986, Health, 1987-1990, Public Employee Retirement and Social Security,
29. 1987-1988, Governmental Efficiency and Consumer Protection, 1989-1990, Local
Government, 1989-1990, Education, 1991-1994, Consumer Protection, Governmental
30. Efficiency and Economic Development, 1991-1992, Governmental Organization,
31. 1991-1994, Insurance, 1991-1994, Televising the Assembly, 1991-1994, Higher
32. Education, 1993-1994, Select Committee on Utility Performance, Rates and Regulation,
33. 1983-1984, Special Committee on Community Colleges, 1983-1984, Task Force on
34. Defense Conversion, 1993-1994;

35. **Whereas** in 1985, the honorable Gwen Moore (CA-Ret.) along with the Honorable Diana
36. Bajoie (LA-Ret.), the Honorable Lois DeBerry (TN-Decd.), the Honorable Carolyn
37. Kilpatrick (MI-Ret.), the Honorable Jerry Eileen Muhugh Perry (MD-Decd.), the
38. Honorable Teola Hunter (MI-Ret.), the Honorable Juanita Watkins (MI-Ret.), the
39. Honorable Diane Watson (CA-Ret.), the Honorable Annette Polly Williams(WI-Decd.),
40. the Honorable Carrie Saxon Perry (CT-Ret.) and the Honorable Freddy Williams
41. (OK-Ret.) gathered to create the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative
42. Women (NOBEL Women). NOBEL Women's mission is to increase and promote the
43. presence of Black women in government, non-profit and corporate leadership through
44. training and development; protecting the public interests of women and families; and
45. supporting policy initiatives that contribute to the enhancement and sustainability of the
46. Black community;

47. **Whereas** after leaving the State Capitol, the Honorable Gwen Moore founded a
48. legislative consulting company called CeM Communications Group out of Los Angeles,
49. where she works as the chief consultant for clients regarding public utilities and
50. telecommunications issues and helps develop and implement public affairs and legislative
51. strategies and community outreach programs. Moore also founded the Community
52. Education Organization, a non-profit that offers after school programs in Los Angeles. In
53. 2007, Moore was appointed to the State Bar Board of Governors;

54. **Whereas** the Honorable Gwen Moore served on numerous boards. Among them were the
55. California State Bar Board of Trustees, the California Small Business Association board

56. and the national board of the NAACP. She was also First Vice President of the California
57. State Conference of the NAACP, Vice Chair of the California Utility Diversity Council,
58. Chairwoman of the California Black Business Association, and President Emeritus of
59. The Future PAC;

60. **Whereas** The Honorable Gwen Moore’s work has brought honors and awards from
61. diverse arenas including the U.S. Department of Commerce, NAACP Legal Defense
62. Fund, Professional Communication Association, and Legislator of the Year award from
63. NBCSL. She also received the prestigious Black Rose Award from the National League
64. of Black Women, the Business of the Year from the Black Business Association, the
65. Leadership California’s State Leader Award, and the Professional Communication
66. Association. In 2013, Ms. Moore was inducted into the CA NAACP Hall of Fame in
67. Sacramento;

68. **Therefore be it resolved** that the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative
69. Women will continue to honor the vision of the Honorable Gwen Moore;

70. **Be in Further resolved** that the board of directors of the National Organization of Black
71. Elected Legislative Women be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this
72. resolution for the late Honorable Gwen Moore, one of our founders, a visionary and
73. mentor to all Black Women Legislators.

**Introduced by The Honorable Karen Camper
Tennessee General Assembly**