

House Resolution 1586

By: Representatives Thomas of the 56th, Alexander of the 66th, Burnough of the 77th, Cannon of the 58th, and Gardner of the 57th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 19, 2018, as Spelman College Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Spelman College was founded in 1881 as the Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary,
4 which became Spelman College in 1924; it is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of
5 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a proud member of the Atlanta
6 University Center Consortium; and

7 WHEREAS, Spelman College has long been recognized as the leading educator of women
8 of African descent; it is now named among the top 100 liberal arts colleges in the nation and
9 is one of the most selective women's colleges in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, the Spelman student body is composed of more than 2,100 students from 41
11 states and 15 foreign countries; Spelman empowers women to engage the many cultures of
12 the world and inspires a commitment to positive social change through service; Spelman is
13 dedicated to academic excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and the intellectual, creative,
14 ethical, and leadership development of its students; and

15 WHEREAS, Spelman College has continued its proud tradition of excellence by, among
16 other notable achievements, maintaining a 75 percent graduation rate; by being listed as one
17 of the nation's top colleges in U.S. News & World Report; by establishing a mentorship
18 program in 1988; by establishing its International Affairs Center in 1989; and by sending its
19 flag into space with Mae Jemison, the first Black woman astronaut; and

20 WHEREAS, Spelman College has thrived under the efficacious leadership and tender
21 stewardship of President Mary Schmidt Campbell, who serves as the college's tenth
22 president; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the rich history and outstanding
24 accomplishments of this extraordinary college be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend Spelman College for its innumerable contributions to
27 society and recognize March 19, 2018, as Spelman College Day at the state capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
30 President Mary Schmidt Campbell and Spelman College.