

## Senate Resolution 251

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Sims of the 12th, Jackson of the 41st, Anderson of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 1, 2021, 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 also a 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, and it is now named among the top 100 liberal arts colleges in the nation  
9 and 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, for 15 years in a row, Spelman has continued to rise in the rankings as one of  
16 the nation's top colleges by *U.S. News & World Report*, and it holds recognition in rankings  
17 and awards by *Money Magazine*; *The Fiske Guide to Colleges*; *Wall Street Journal/Times*  
18 *Higher Education*; *Essence Magazine*; *College Magazine*; Teach for America Corps; and the  
19 Institute of International Education; and

20 WHEREAS, Spelman College has maintained its commitment to its students during the  
21 COVID-19 global pandemic by safely hosting fewer on-campus students, offering virtual  
22 classes for remote students, rolling back tuition rates to keep costs down, and hosting virtual  
23 events and activities for students and alumnae; and

24 WHEREAS, Spelman's tenth president, Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell, is to be recognized for  
25 her commitment and continuing efforts to elevate young women and to attract scholars from  
26 around the world to Spelman College and our great State of Georgia; and

27 WHEREAS, Spelman College Day at the state capitol is proudly hosted by Senator Gail  
28 Davenport and the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College Inc. with the  
29 following Georgia chapters: Albany, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Decatur,  
30 Savannah, and West Georgia.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 commend Spelman College; President Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell; and the college faculty,  
33 students, staff, alumni, and friends of Spelman College for their many years of dedicated  
34 service to excellence in education and recognize March 1, 2021, as Spelman College Day at  
35 the state capitol.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Spelman College.