

Senate Resolution 607

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th, Sims of the 12th, James of the 35th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 3, 2022, 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, the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College Inc. Georgia Chapters
25 (Atlanta, Albany, Athens, Augusta, Columbus, Decatur, Savannah, and West Georgia) will
26 virtually host the annual Spelman College Day at the state capitol on March 3, 2022; and

27 WHEREAS, Spelman College Day at the state capitol is meant to inform and enlighten the
28 Spelman College community, women who make a choice to change the world, and the
29 Georgia community as a whole; and

30 WHEREAS, this event has historically served as an opportunity to interact with our state
31 legislators and advocate for legislation that impacts women, children, our institution, and
32 marginalized communities.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend Spelman College; President Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell; and the college faculty,
35 students, staff, alumni, and friends of Spelman College for their many years of dedicated

36 service to excellence in education and recognize March 3, 2022, as Spelman College Day at
37 the state capitol.

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