

Senate Resolution 266

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, James of the 35th, Sims of the 12th, Orrock of the 36th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 8, 2023, 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 43
11 states and ten 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 holds recognition in rankings and awards by *Money Magazine*; *The*
16 *Fiske Guide to Colleges*; *Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*; *Essence Magazine*;
17 *College Magazine*; Teach for America Corps; and the Institute of International Education;
18 and

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

22 WHEREAS, this event has historically served as an opportunity to interact with our state
23 legislators and advocate for legislation that impacts women, children, our institution, and
24 marginalized communities; and

25 WHEREAS, the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College Inc. and the Georgia
26 State Chapters of Albany, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Decatur, Savannah, and
27 West Georgia present Spelman Day at the Capitol 2023.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend Spelman College and its faculty, students, staff, and alumni as well as the friends
30 of Spelman College for their many years of dedicated service to excellence in education and
31 recognize March 8, 2023, as Spelman College Day at the state capitol.

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