

Senate Resolution 616

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Harrell of the 40th, Butler of the 55th, Anderson of the 43rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Morehouse College for its many contributions to Georgia and
2 American history and celebrating its 155th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Atlanta Baptist College was founded in 1867 in Augusta, Georgia, by William
4 Jefferson White to create educational opportunities for Black Americans following their
5 emancipation; and

6 WHEREAS, Atlanta Baptist College was renamed Morehouse College after Henry Lyman
7 Morehouse in 1913, whose deep support ensured the college's success for generations to
8 come; and

9 WHEREAS, Morehouse partnered with Clark College and Spelman College in 1929 to form
10 the Atlanta University Center, which still stands as one of the most influential clusters of
11 HBCUs today; and

12 WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Mays served as president of Morehouse from 1940 to 1967 and
13 mentored many of America's civil rights and political leaders, including Morehouse students
14 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Julian Bond, and former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2022, Morehouse announced the establishment of the Black Men's Research
16 Institute, which will focus on the cultural, economic, personal, and social outcomes of issues
17 affecting Black men; and

18 WHEREAS, Morehouse has been home to 11 Fulbright Scholars, five Rhodes Scholars, and
19 five Marshall Scholars; and

20 WHEREAS, Morehouse Men includes distinguished alumni in every sector of American life,
21 from business to politics to entertainment to academia; and

22 WHEREAS, Morehouse has spent 155 years in service of its mission to develop men with
23 disciplined minds who will lead lives of leadership and service; and

24 WHEREAS, Morehouse continues to shape the fabric of the City of Atlanta, the State of
25 Georgia, and the world by graduating leaders who are committed to community, integrity,
26 honesty, and compassion.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize and commend Morehouse College for its many contributions to Georgia and
29 American history and celebrate the grand occasion of its 155th anniversary.

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