

## House Resolution 981

By: Representatives Bruce of the 45<sup>th</sup>, Mosby of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Post 3, Stanley-Turner of the 43<sup>rd</sup>, Post 2, Brooks of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Heckstall of the 48<sup>th</sup>, Post 3, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Spelman College, proclaiming Spelman College Day in the State of Georgia,  
2 and inviting Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum to appear before the House of Representatives; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Spelman College was founded in 1881 as Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary,  
5 became Spelman Seminary in 1884, and the name was changed to Spelman College in 1924;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Spelman College is an outstanding historically black college for women which  
8 promotes academic excellence in the liberal arts and develops the intellectual, ethical, and  
9 leadership potential of its students; and

10 WHEREAS, Spelman College seeks to empower the total person who appreciates the many  
11 cultures of the world and commits to positive social change; and

12 WHEREAS, Spelman College is ranked in the Top 100 Best Liberal Arts colleges by *News*  
13 *and World Report*, 2003-2004, and achieved Moody's highest credit rating for colleges and  
14 universities; and

15 WHEREAS, Spelman College was named one of six Model Institutions of Excellence by  
16 NASA and the National Science Foundation; and

17 WHEREAS, Spelman College is home of the renowned Spelman College Glee Club and the  
18 nationally known Spelman College Jazz Ensemble; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum was inaugurated as the ninth president of Spelman  
20 College in March 2003; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Tatum is a scholar, teacher, author, administrator, and race relations expert;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Tatum has launched Spelman ALIVE, strategic initiatives that focus on  
4 academic excellence, leadership development, improving our environment, visibility of  
5 achievements, and exemplary customer service; and

6 WHEREAS, Spelman College is one of the most highly respected colleges of liberal arts and  
7 sciences in the United States, well known for academic achievement in three arenas of  
8 competition: prestigious top tier national institutions, historically black colleges and  
9 universities, and women's colleges.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
11 January 27, 2004, is proclaimed "Spelman College Day" in the State of Georgia in  
12 recognition of its longstanding commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and service.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, president of Spelman  
14 College, is invited to appear before the House of Representatives at a time to be determined  
15 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
17 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum,  
18 President of Spelman College.