

Senate Resolution 772

By: Senator Fort of the 39th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Morehouse School of Religion on the occasion of its 137th Founders' Day  
2 observance; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in February 1867, a school for the training of ministers and other church leaders  
4 was organized in Springfield Baptist Church of Augusta, Georgia, under the sponsorship of  
5 the American Baptist Home Mission Society; the school was known as the Augusta Institute  
6 until it moved to Atlanta in 1897, whereupon it was renamed the Atlanta Baptist Seminary;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the name Morehouse was adopted in 1913 in honor of Dr. Henry L. Morehouse,  
9 corresponding secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and in 1924, the  
10 Divinity School of Morehouse College became known as the School of Religion; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1958, Morehouse School of Religion became one of the four historically  
12 African American seminaries that were part of the founding of Interdenominational  
13 Theological Center (ITC), and it is now one of only two fully accredited African American  
14 Baptist seminaries in this country which, through ITC, offer Master of Divinity and Doctor  
15 of Ministry degrees; and

16 WHEREAS, students come from every geographical section of the country to learn from one  
17 of the best faculties in theological education through cooperative relations with the American  
18 Baptist Churches, USA; National Baptist Convention of America; National Baptist  
19 Convention, USA, Inc.; Progressive National Baptist Convention; and the Southern Baptist  
20 Convention; and

21 WHEREAS, students at Morehouse School of Religion are supported by a vast array of  
22 churches, organizations, individuals, and alumni; and

1 WHEREAS, graduates of the Morehouse School of Religion go on to serve as pastors,  
2 chaplains, denominational executives, community leaders, and pastoral counselors and in  
3 other institutional ministries throughout the nation and world.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
5 recognize Morehouse School of Religion on the occasion of its 137th Founders' Day  
6 observance and express their appreciation for the school's ongoing contributions to our state  
7 and country.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. William T. Perkins.