

## House Resolution 89

By: Representatives Dawkins-Haigler of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 132<sup>nd</sup>, Stephenson of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, and Dickerson of the 95<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Turner Theological Seminary and recognizing February 3, 2011, as Turner  
2 Theological Seminary Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the seminary was established in 1894 as a department of Morris Brown College  
4 and became Turner Theological Seminary in 1900 in honor of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Bishop Turner served as resident bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal  
7 Church and Turner Seminary, is a founding constituent of the Interdenominational  
8 Theological Center, and was elected to the Georgia legislature in 1868; and

9 WHEREAS, currently, Turner Theological Seminary is an ecumenical graduate school  
10 accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada and  
11 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

12 WHEREAS, Bishop William Phillips DeVaux currently serves as the Chairman of the  
13 Board for Turner Theological Seminary; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend T. G. Steward, a former United States Army chaplain, served as the  
15 first president of Turner Theological Seminary and Turner Theological Seminary has grown  
16 and prospered under the leadership and guidance of its other deans: Dr. Josephus R. Coan;  
17 Dr. Cecil W. Cone, I; Dr. George L. Champion; Dr. Clayton D. Wilkerson; Dr. Daniel W.  
18 Jacobs, Sr.; and Dr. John F. Green; and

19 WHEREAS, the rich and magnificent history of Turner Theological Seminary and its  
20 remarkable contributions and achievements to the State of Georgia are worthy of recognition.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body commend the great contributions of Turner Theological Seminary

23 to the field of education and recognize February 3, 2011, as Turner Theological Seminary  
24 Day at the state capitol.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Turner Theological  
27 Seminary's President and Dean, Dr. John F. Green.