

House Resolution 1125

By: Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Hugley of the 136th, Mosby of the 83rd, Mayo of the 84th, Henson of the 86th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing February 21, 2014, as Agnes Scott's Founder's Day Celebration of its 125th anniversary; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Agnes Scott College was founded in 1889 by members of Decatur Presbyterian Church and is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2014; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the college was the first institution in Georgia accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1907 and, in addition, the second chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society in Georgia was established at Agnes Scott in 1926; and
- 8 WHEREAS, 44 percent of Agnes Scott's living alumnae reside in Georgia; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the college counts a number of highly accomplished and distinguished women among its alumnae, including Patricia Collins Butler '28, one of the first women to argue a case before the United States Supreme Court; Reverend Rachel Henderlite '28, the first women ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.); Susan Phillips '67, the first woman to head a Federal regulatory commission; and Ila Burdette '81, Georgia's first female Rhodes Scholar; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Agnes Scott students and alumnae marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., from Selma to Montgomery and have been actively engaged in many subsequent struggles to recognize and affirm the dignity and rights of all persons, and during the 125 years of its existence, the college has become a highly inclusive institution committed to diversity and respect for all; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Agnes Scott exhibits a strong commitment to an environmentally sustainable way of life through its multifaceted efforts to divert waste and reduce its carbon footprint, resulting in the college receiving its first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building (LEED Silver) in the City of Decatur; and

24 WHEREAS, as a college that prepares global leaders for the 21st century, Agnes Scott sends
25 almost half of its students overseas each year and welcomes a growing number of women
26 from around the world to live and learn on its tree-lined Collegiate Gothic and Victorian
27 campus; and

28 WHEREAS, through the entrepreneurial leadership of its presidents and faculty, Agnes Scott
29 has ensured that the liberal arts education it offers to women remains relevant to the needs
30 and challenges of the times, exemplified in opportunities for its students to study public
31 health, neuroscience, environmental and sustainability studies, and business management,
32 as well as psychology, biology, English literature, history, and other subjects in the liberal
33 arts and sciences; and

34 WHEREAS, Agnes Scott produces leaders in government, of Fortune 1000 companies, in
35 the arts and culture, and in the nonprofit sector; its alumnae make lasting contributions to the
36 State of Georgia in business, civic, religious, and professional organizations.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
38 the members of this body recognize February 21, 2014, as Agnes Scott's Founder's Day
39 Celebration and commend the college for 125 years of excellence.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the dean of Agnes Scott
42 College.