

Senate Resolution 1275

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Rhett of the 33rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a leader in education, the arts, and the public sector for nearly 40 years,
3 Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell began her tenure as the tenth president of Spelman College on
4 August 1, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from Swarthmore
6 College, a master's degree in art history from Syracuse University, and a doctorate in
7 humanities, also from Syracuse; she also holds honorary degrees from The College of New
8 Rochelle, Colgate University, City University of New York, Pace University, Maryland
9 Institute College of Art, and Swarthmore College; and

10 WHEREAS, early in her career, Dr. Campbell led the Studio Museum in Harlem,
11 transforming the museum from a rented loft into the country's first accredited African
12 American fine arts museum; and

13 WHEREAS, prior to being appointed president of Spelman College, Dr. Campbell was dean
14 emerita of Tisch School of the Arts at New York University and a professor in the
15 Department of Art and Public Policy; and

16 WHEREAS, during her tenure as dean for more than two decades, the institution vaulted to
17 the top echelon of university art schools and became one of the most selective undergraduate
18 programs at New York University while simultaneously increasing the diversity of the
19 student body and faculty; and

20 WHEREAS, appointed by President Barack Obama in 2009 as the vice chair of the
21 President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, a nonpartisan advisory committee to
22 the President of the United States on cultural matters, Dr. Campbell has taken an active role
23 in reaffirming the arts as essential to effective public school education; and

24 WHEREAS, she is currently a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and
25 sits on the board of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell is united in love and marriage to Dr. George Campbell, Jr., a
27 physicist and president emeritus of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and
28 Art, and they have been blessed with three sons and six grandchildren; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
30 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize and commend Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell for her exemplary accomplishments
33 and extend to her their most sincere best wishes for continued success.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Mary Schmidt
36 Campbell.