

House Resolution 398

By: Representative Abrams of the 89th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing March 9, 2017, as Spelman College Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Spelman College was founded in 1881 as the Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary,
3 which became Spelman College in 1924; it is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of
4 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; it is also a member of the Atlanta
5 University Center Consortium; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Spelman College has long been recognized as the leading educator of women
7 of African descent; it is now named among the top 100 liberal arts colleges in the nation and
8 is one of the most selective women's colleges in the United States; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the Spelman student body comprises more than 2,100 students from 41 states
10 and 15 foreign countries; Spelman empowers women to engage the many cultures of the
11 world and inspires a commitment to positive social change through service; Spelman is
12 dedicated to academic excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and the intellectual, creative,
13 ethical, and leadership development of its students; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 1988, Spelman is listed as one of the nation's top colleges in *U.S. News &*
15 *World Report* and its mentorship program is established; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in 1989, Spelman's flag goes into space with Mae Jemison, the first Black
17 woman astronaut, and its International Affairs Center is established; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in 1990, Nelson Mandela visits Atlanta University Center as part of his United
19 States tour to raise funds for the struggle against apartheid in South Africa; and
- 20 WHEREAS, in 1991, Spelman's Community Service Program is designated White House
21 Point of Light #563; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2015, Dr. Mary Schmidt Campbell is appointed 10th president of Spelman
23 College.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend Spelman College and recognize March 9, 2017, as
26 Spelman College Day at the capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
29 Spelman College.