

Senate Resolution 964

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Anderson of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Jones of the 10th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 19, 2018, as Spelman College Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Spelman College was founded in 1881 as the Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary,
4 which became Spelman College in 1924; it is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of
5 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a proud member of the Atlanta
6 University Center Consortium; and

7 WHEREAS, Spelman College has long been recognized as the leading educator of women
8 of African descent; it is now named among the top 100 liberal arts colleges in the nation and
9 is one of the most selective women's colleges in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, the Spelman student body comprises more than 2,100 students from 41 states
11 and 15 foreign countries; Spelman empowers women to engage the many cultures of the
12 world and inspires a commitment to positive social change through service; Spelman is
13 dedicated to academic excellence in the liberal arts and sciences and the intellectual, creative,
14 ethical, and leadership development of its students; and

15 WHEREAS, Spelman College has continued its proud tradition of excellence by, among
16 other notable achievements, maintaining a 75 percent graduation rate; by being listed as one
17 of the nation's top colleges in *U.S. News & World Report*; by establishing a mentorship
18 program in 1988; by establishing its International Affairs Center in 1989; and by sending its
19 flag into space with Mae Jemison, the first Black woman astronaut; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the rich history and outstanding
21 accomplishments of this extraordinary college be appropriately recognized.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 commend Spelman College for its innumerable contributions to society and recognize
24 March 19, 2018, as Spelman College Day at the state capitol.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Spelman College.