

Senate Resolution 138

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Jones of the 10th, Orrock of the 36th, Jones II of the 22nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 14, 2019, as Spelman College Class of 1969 Day at the state capitol;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on February 14, 2019, members of the Spelman College Class of 1969 will
4 gather at the state capitol in celebration of their 50th class reunion; and

5 WHEREAS, the Class of 1969 was formed in 1965 when approximately 250 young women
6 between the ages of 15 and 19 years entered Spelman College as freshmen, all of whom had
7 experienced high school during the historic and transformational era of the civil rights,
8 reproductive rights, and women's rights movements; and

9 WHEREAS, the Class of 1969 was involved in all that Spelman College, the community, and
10 the other Atlanta University Center institutions had to offer; and throughout college and after,
11 the Class of 1969 fought for change inside and outside of Spelman College; and

12 WHEREAS, members of the Class of 1969 had the opportunity to serve in a variety of
13 support roles for the funeral of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., in April, 1968, before
14 graduating a year later; and

15 WHEREAS, the Class of 1969 currently includes 148 living and 25 deceased women who
16 have led meaningful and accomplished lives as parents; educators; lawyers; ministers;
17 federal, state, and local governmental representatives, staff, and elected officials; community
18 leaders; entrepreneurs; airline personnel; physicians and health care professionals; nonprofit
19 administrators; scientists; researchers; and other notable and esteemed roles; and

20 WHEREAS, the Class of 1969 is honored to include in its ranks Georgia State Senator Gail
21 Davenport and former Georgia State Representative and Superior Court Judge Bettianne
22 Childers Hart; and

23 WHEREAS, members of the Class of 1969 continue to work, volunteer, mentor, contribute,
24 and influence people and situations while making a profoundly positive difference in the
25 lives of their families and communities; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
27 contributions of this extraordinary group of Spelman College graduates be appropriately
28 recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 recognize February 14, 2019, as Spelman College Class of 1969 Day at the state capitol and
31 commend the Spelman College Class of 1969 for its historic and ongoing contributions to
32 the State of Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the members of the
35 Spelman College Class of 1969.