

House Resolution 1441

By: Representatives Hutchinson of the 107<sup>th</sup>, Thomas of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Alexander of the 66<sup>th</sup>,  
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### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Morris Brown College; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a proper quality education for the young people of this state is the single most  
3 important objective of the General Assembly; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in 1881, Morris Brown College was established as Morris Brown Colored  
5 College by members of the African Methodist Church to honor Bishop Morris Brown, their  
6 second bishop; and
- 7 WHEREAS, officially chartered in 1885, Morris Brown College is famously known for  
8 being the first and only institution of higher learning founded by and for African Americans  
9 in Georgia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1941, Morris Brown College joined membership in the Atlanta University  
11 Center, which ultimately enhanced staff exchanges, generated collaborative academic  
12 programs amongst all universities, and expanded course selections; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the numerous trials and tribulations the college has faced since its founding  
14 have not reduced its number of students, who remain committed to the institution's core  
15 values; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Morris Brown College is known for its notable alumni, such as Civil Rights  
17 Activist Hosea Williams; Isaac Blythers, former president of Atlanta Gas Light Company;  
18 James A. McPherson, Pulitzer Prize-winning author; Representatives Kimberly Alexander  
19 and Carl Wayne Gilliard; and Senator Donzella James; and
- 20 WHEREAS, in recognition of such remarkable contributions to the education and welfare  
21 of Georgia's students, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the  
22 extraordinary accomplishments and contributions of this outstanding college.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize and commend Morris Brown College and express  
25 sincere best wishes for continued success.

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