

House Resolution 1075

By: Representatives McQueen of the 61<sup>st</sup> and Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Spelman Day at the Georgia State Capitol; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Spelman College, founded in 1881 in Atlanta, Georgia, is a nationally  
3 acclaimed private liberal arts college for women and the oldest historically Black college for  
4 women in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, for more than 143 years, Spelman College has been dedicated to academic  
6 excellence, leadership development, and social responsibility, educating women to engage  
7 the world and effect positive social change; and

8 WHEREAS, Spelman College is the number one producer of Black women who complete  
9 doctoral degrees in STEM disciplines, according to the National Science Foundation, and  
10 continues to lead the nation in preparing women for advanced study and leadership in  
11 science, technology, education, public service, and the arts; and

12 WHEREAS, Spelman College enrolls approximately 2,500 students, offers 34 academic  
13 majors and 39 minors, maintains an 11:1 student-faculty ratio, and reports that 86 percent of  
14 full-time faculty hold doctoral degrees or the terminal degree in their field, underscoring the  
15 College's commitment to rigorous academic instruction and mentorship; and

16 WHEREAS, Spelman College reports a 76 percent six-year graduation rate, significantly  
17 exceeding the national average, and approximately one-third of Spelman students pursue  
18 graduate or professional degrees, reflecting strong academic preparation and student success  
19 outcomes; and

20 WHEREAS, Spelman College has produced a global network of more than 20,000 alumnae  
21 worldwide, including leaders in government, education, business, healthcare, science, the  
22 arts, and nonprofit and civic life, many of whom live and work throughout the State of  
23 Georgia and contribute meaningfully to its workforce, civic institutions, and communities;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Spelman College serves as a vital anchor institution within the Atlanta  
26 University Center and the West End community, generating economic impact, and advancing  
27 workforce development and community engagement initiatives across the state; and

28 WHEREAS, Spelman Day at the Georgia State Capitol provides an important opportunity  
29 for students, alumnae, faculty, staff, and policymakers to engage in civic dialogue, highlight  
30 the College's statewide and global impact, and reaffirm the importance of higher education  
31 partnerships in advancing Georgia's economic vitality, educational access, and public good.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize Spelman Day at the Georgia State Capitol and commend  
34 Spelman College for its enduring legacy of academic excellence, leadership development,  
35 and service to the State of Georgia, the nation, and the world.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
38 representatives of Spelman College.