

Senate Resolution 397

By: Senators James of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd, Orrock of the 36th, Mallow of the 2nd, Esteves of the 35th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Kevin James; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Kevin James currently serves as the 19th president of Morris Brown
3 College, where his vision and expertise have been instrumental in restoring the institution's
4 accreditation after nearly two decades, making it the first historically Black college and
5 university to accomplish this significant achievement; and

6 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Morris Brown College secured full accreditation from the
7 Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools on April 26, 2022, restoring the
8 institution's eligibility for federal financial aid programs and Title IV funding as well as
9 reinstating its participation in the Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities
10 program under Title III; and

11 WHEREAS, with more than 23 years of experience as an educator, administrator, and
12 executive leader, Dr. James has spearheaded efforts to stabilize the college's finances, expand
13 academic offerings, increase fundraising, implement a five-year strategic plan, and achieve
14 record-breaking enrollment; and

15 WHEREAS, his exemplary service extends beyond Morris Brown College through active
16 participation on the boards of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Worldwide, the
17 Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Kappa Kappa Psi, and the Historic Oakland
18 Foundation, among others; and

19 WHEREAS, widely regarded as a leading voice in higher education, Dr. James is a
20 sought-after keynote speaker, mentor, and advocate who frequently addresses topics related
21 to historically Black colleges and universities, equity and inclusion, and the unique
22 challenges faced by minority-serving institutions; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable individual be
24 appropriately honored during this special time.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize and commend Dr. Kevin James for his outstanding leadership as president of
27 Morris Brown College and his dedication to higher education as well as extend best wishes
28 for continued success.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Kevin James.