

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 541

Congratulating Spelman College on its 125th anniversary.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27 (legislative day, JULY 26), 2006

Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. FRIST) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, in 1881, Spelman College was established by Sophia B. Packard and Harriet E. Giles, school teachers and Baptist missionaries, in Atlanta, Georgia, for the purpose of educating African-American women and girls;

Whereas as a result of the benevolence of John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and Laura Spelman Rockefeller, the name of the institution was changed from “Atlanta Baptist Female Seminary” to “Spelman Seminary” in honor of the Spelman family;

Whereas the curriculum expanded to include high school and college classes, and the seminary conferred its first high school diplomas in 1887, and its first college degrees in 1901;

Whereas in 1924, Spelman Seminary officially became Spelman College and grew to become a leading undergraduate institution for African-American women;

Whereas Spelman College was ranked among the top 75 Best Liberal Arts Colleges according to U.S. News & World Report, 2005 edition;

Whereas the Association of Medical Colleges ranks Spelman College fifth among undergraduate programs for African-American students accepted to medical school, and Spelman is 1 of 6 institutions designated by the National Science Foundation and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as a Model Institution for Excellence in undergraduate science and math education;

Whereas Spelman's ninth President, Beverly Daniel Tatum, has initiated a strategic plan for Spelman ("Spelman ALIVE") that includes 5 goals: Academic excellence, Leadership development, Improving the infrastructure, Visibility of accomplishments of the campus community, and Exemplary customer service, all designed to create a vision for Spelman of "Nothing Less Than the Best"; and

Whereas Spelman College has prepared more than 6 generations of African American women to reach the highest levels of academic, community, and professional achievement: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates Spelman College on 125th an-
3 niversary; and

4 (2) commends the President of Spelman Col-
5 lege, Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, and the administra-

1 tion, faculty, staff, students, and alumnae of the
2 College for their outstanding achievements and con-
3 tribution to African American education, history,
4 and culture.

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