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5 By: Senator Steele
6 By: Representative Davis

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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS "BLACK
11 HISTORY MONTH".

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 "BLACK HISTORY MONTH".

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18 WHEREAS, throughout the history of America, truly significant African-
19 American contributions to the economy, military, social growth, sciences, and
20 arts of this great nation have all too often been ignored; and

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22 WHEREAS, in recognition of this oversight, Americans began recognizing
23 "Black History Month", the successor of Negro History Week, annually in 1926;
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26 WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month and the study of
27 African-American history is part of the legacy of Dr. Carter G. Woodson; and

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29 WHEREAS, the progress of African-Americans in the nation and in the
30 State of Arkansas has been marked with the tragedy of social inequalities and
31 the triumph of group achievements; and

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33 WHEREAS, although African-Americans have participated in every major
34 United States war, the battle for integration and for recognition of the
35 accomplishments of African-American soldiers has been a slow process; and



1 WHEREAS, not until after World War II did the United States Armed
2 Forces become integrated under a 1948 executive order by President Harry S.
3 Truman; and
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5 WHEREAS, "Black History Month" celebrates the influence of African-
6 American culture in the arts and entertainment; the development of African-
7 Americans politically and economically; the progression of African-Americans
8 socially and academically; the diversity within the African-American culture
9 that adds to its richness; and the cultural evolution of African-Americans
10 from the beginning of the slave trade through the civil rights movement to
11 the present; and
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13 WHEREAS, in the words of Carter Woodson on the founding of Negro
14 History Week in 1926, "We should emphasize not Negro history, but the Negro
15 in history. What we need is not a history of selected races or nations but
16 the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious
17 prejudice",
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19 NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
21 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
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23 THAT the Senate of the State of Arkansas, the House concurring therein
24 proclaims February as "Black History Month", and recognizes and applauds the
25 sacrifices and myriad contributions made by African-American men and women
26 throughout this great state's and nation's history.
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