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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DURING THE MONTH OF
9 FEBRUARY 2011.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2011.

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17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, truly significant
22 African-American contributions to social growth, the economy, the military,
23 the sciences, and the arts of this great nation have all too often been
24 ignored; and

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26 WHEREAS, in recognition of this oversight, Americans began recognizing
27 "Negro History Week" in 1926, the predecessor to "Black History Month", which
28 has been celebrated annually since 1976; and

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30 WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month and the study of
31 African-American history is part of the legacy of Dr. Carter G. Woodson; and

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



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

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 THAT the House of Representatives of the State of Arkansas celebrates
28 Black History Month during the month of February 2011, and recognizes and
29 applauds the sacrifices and myriad contributions made by African-American men
30 and women throughout the history of this great state and nation.
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