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

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

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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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21           THAT the Senate of the State of Arkansas celebrates Black History Month  
22 during the month of February 2011, and recognizes and applauds the sacrifices  
23 and myriad contributions made by African-American men and women throughout  
24 the history of this great state and nation.  
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