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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DURING THE MONTH OF
9 FEBRUARY 2015.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2015.

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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 United
34 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 Dr. Carter G. 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 THAT the House of Representatives of the State of Arkansas celebrates
24 Black History Month during the month of February 2015 and recognizes and
25 applauds the sacrifices and myriad contributions made by African-American men
26 and women throughout the history of this great state and nation.
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