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HR 1019

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DURING THE MONTH OF
9 FEBRUARY 2022.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022.

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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; was inspired by the birthdays of
25 Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; and

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

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

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



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2 WHEREAS, not until after World War II did the United States Armed
3 Forces become integrated under a 1948 executive order by President Harry S.
4 Truman; and
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6 WHEREAS, Black History Month recognizes commonly celebrated individuals
7 such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., George Washington Carver, Thurgood
8 Marshall, Rosa Parks, Jackie Robinson, the Little Rock Nine, and Maya Angelou
9 just to name a few, there are less known but equally impactful individuals
10 who we should educate ourselves on such as Crispus Attucks, William Harvey
11 Carney, the Greensboro Four, Constance Baker-Motley, and a plethora of
12 historical giants,
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14 NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 THAT the House of Representatives celebrate Black History Month during
19 the month of February 2022 and recognize and applaud the sacrifices and
20 myriad of contributions made by African American individuals throughout the
21 history of this great state and nation.
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