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HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DURING THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY 2022.

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Subtitle

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THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022.

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

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WHEREAS, in recognition of this oversight, Americans began recognizing "Negro History Week" in 1926, the predecessor to "Black History Month", which has been celebrated annually since 1976; was inspired by the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; and

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

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

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WHEREAS, although African Americans have participated in every United States war, the battle for integration and for recognition of the



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

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