

By: Representative Love

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DURING THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY 2015.

Subtitle

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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

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; and

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

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

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



WHEREAS, not until after World War II did the United States Armed Forces become integrated under a 1948 executive order by President Harry S. Truman; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month celebrates the influence of African-American culture in the arts and entertainment; the development of African-Americans politically and economically; the progression of African-Americans socially and academically; the diversity within the African-American culture that adds to its richness; and the cultural evolution of African-Americans from the beginning of the slave trade through the civil rights movement to the present; and

WHEREAS, in the words of Dr. Carter G. Woodson on the founding of Negro History Week in 1926, "We should emphasize not Negro History, but the Negro in history. What we need is not a history of selected races or nations but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice",

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives of the State of Arkansas celebrates Black History Month during the month of February 2015 and recognizes and applauds the sacrifices and myriad contributions made by African-American men and women throughout the history of this great state and nation.