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## **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DURING THE MONTH OF  
FEBRUARY 2021.

### **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 in 1926 to recognize Negro History Week, the predecessor to Black History Month, which has been celebrated annually since 1976 and was inspired by the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month and the study of African-American history are 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 distinguishes more commonly celebrated individuals such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., George Washington Carver, Thurgood Marshall, Rosa Parks, Jackie Robinson, the Little Rock Nine, and Maya Angelou, to name just a few, but there are less well-known yet equally impactful individuals whom we should all educate ourselves on such as Crispus Attucks, William Harvey Carney, the Greensboro Four, Constance Baker Motley, and a plethora of other historical African-American giants,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Senate celebrate Black History Month during the month of February 2021 and recognize and applaud the sacrifices and myriad contributions made by African-American individuals throughout the history of this great state and nation.