

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Black History Month is being celebrated in February
2 2025 in recognition of the rich cultural heritage and significant
3 achievements of African Americans; and

4 WHEREAS, The observance was first conceived by Dr. Carter
5 G. Woodson, a Harvard-educated scholar and the son of former
6 slaves, who saw a need to promote the research and study of African
7 American history at a time when it was overlooked by mainstream
8 historians; in 1926, Dr. Woodson chose the second week of February
9 as Negro History Week, due to the fact that it included the
10 birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two men of
11 great influence to Black Americans; in 1976, President Gerald
12 R. Ford expanded and formalized the celebration to include the
13 entire month of February and urged citizens to use it as an
14 opportunity "to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of
15 Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history";
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The country has continued to work toward gaining
18 greater understanding of the enormity of African American
19 contributions in all realms; in September 2016, Barack Obama, the
20 first African American president of the United States, helped to
21 inaugurate the National Museum of African American History and
22 Culture, noting the centrality of the African American experience
23 to the American story; at the opening ceremony, former president
24 George W. Bush, who signed the 2003 bill authorizing construction

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1 of the building, affirmed the study of African American history as a
2 demonstration of our commitment to a fuller, more comprehensive
3 telling of the nation's story; and

4 WHEREAS, While the journey of African Americans toward
5 freedom, equality, and justice is ongoing, the progress that has
6 been made thus far gives hope that our society can continue to move
7 forward and embrace change for the betterment of all people; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 2025 as Black History Month
11 and encourage all Texans to take advantage of opportunities for
12 learning, reflection, and celebration.

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Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
Frank	Manuel	Turner
Gámez	Martinez	VanDeaver
Garcia of Bexar	Martinez Fischer	Vasut
Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
Gervin-Hawkins	Money	Wharton
González of Dallas	Moody	Wilson
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Goodwin	Morales of Maverick	Zwiener

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 171 was adopted by the House on February 5, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House