

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, People from throughout Texas and beyond are
2 celebrating the February 5, 2005, opening of the new George
3 Washington Carver (GWC) Museum and Cultural Center; and

4 WHEREAS, The first neighborhood museum in Texas devoted to
5 African American history and the only African American cultural
6 center in Austin, the Carver has played an important role in the
7 community for nearly 75 years; when the original historic building
8 was moved to Kealing Park in 1933, it served as the Austin Public
9 Library's first branch and the first library in town for African
10 Americans; a larger facility was built to accommodate the needs of
11 area library patrons in 1980, and the historic building was
12 redesignated as a black history museum, but again the needs of the
13 community outgrew the facilities, and plans were soon under way for
14 a new museum and cultural center and a new addition to the GWC
15 campus complex; and

16 WHEREAS, This 30,000-square-foot facility features an artist
17 gallery, theater, dance studio, classroom, darkroom, orientation
18 room, conference room, and gift shop; in addition to housing its
19 impressive collection of books, photographs, manuscripts, maps,
20 and other materials that document the history of African Americans,
21 it will also present exhibitions that focus primarily on black
22 history and culture; three permanent interactive exhibits include
23 the first in the nation to document the historical significance and
24 celebration of Juneteenth, as well as "Austin African American

1 Families," which promotes the importance of family history, and
2 "Let's Pretend, Dr. Carver," a children's exhibition commemorating
3 African American scientists and inventors; and

4 WHEREAS, A true Central Texas treasure, the George Washington
5 Carver Museum and Cultural Center aims to increase awareness of our
6 state's rich past, and its efforts to promote education will
7 undoubtedly help to preserve the Lone Star State's history and
8 culture for future generations; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the opening of the George Washington
11 Carver Museum and Cultural Center and extend to all those
12 associated with this venerable institution best wishes for success
13 in this exciting new era for the museum and for the people of
14 Austin; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the museum as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.

Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 158

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 158 was adopted by the House on
February 2, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House