H.R. No. 155

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Black History Month is being celebrated in February 2019 in recognition of the rich cultural heritage and significant achievements of African Americans; and

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

WHEREAS, The country has continued to work toward gaining greater understanding of the enormity of African American contributions in all realms; in September 2016, Barack Obama, the first African American president of the United States, helped to inaugurate the National Museum of African American History and Culture, noting the centrality of the African American experience to the American story; at the opening ceremony, former president George W. Bush, who signed the 2003 bill authorizing construction of the building, affirmed the study of African American history as a demonstration of our commitment to a fuller, more comprehensive telling of the nation's story; and

WHEREAS, While the journey of African Americans toward freedom, equality, and justice has been long and difficult, the trajectory of that path continues to inspire hope of a more inclusive and ever-brighter future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby recognize February 2019 as Black History Month and encourage all Texans to take advantage of opportunities for learning, reflection, and celebration.

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| Beckley | Herrero | Perez |
| Bell of Kaufman | Hinojosa | Phelan |
| Bell of Montgomery | Holland | Price |
| Bernal | Howard | Ramos |
| Biedermann | Huberty | Raney |
| Blanco | Hunter | Raymond |
| Bohac | Israel | Reynolds |
| Bonnen of Galveston | E. Johnson of Dallas | Rodriguez |
| Bowers | J. Johnson of Dallas | Romero, Jr. |
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| Button | King of Uvalde | Shaheen |
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 155 was adopted by the House on February 26, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House