

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Many civic-minded Texans are gathering in Austin on  
2 February 5, 2019, in celebration of Urban Leagues of Greater Texas  
3 Day at the State Capitol; and

4           WHEREAS, In the early 20th century, African Americans  
5 migrating to northern cities soon discovered that they had not  
6 escaped racial discrimination; good jobs were denied them, and most  
7 were forced to live in substandard housing; the National Urban  
8 League formed in 1911 to address those issues, and the organization  
9 trained African American social workers to help migrant families  
10 attain educational and employment opportunities; and

11           WHEREAS, By the end of World War I, the league had established  
12 operations in 30 cities and had evolved to take on new challenges;  
13 in the 1930s, it advocated powerfully for the inclusion of African  
14 Americans in the New Deal and fought to desegregate labor unions;  
15 the Urban League later played a major role in the Civil Rights Era,  
16 and it hosted Martin Luther King Jr., A. Philip Randolph, and other  
17 leaders at planning meetings for the March on Washington; and

18           WHEREAS, The league continued to expand its mission, and in  
19 the 1970s, it adopted a broader focus on such contemporary problems  
20 as environmental protection and energy conservation, as well as on  
21 the many aspects of poverty; today, members of the league continue  
22 to work tirelessly in behalf of economic empowerment, educational  
23 opportunity, and the guarantee of civil rights; and

24           WHEREAS, For more than a century, Urban League members have

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1 dedicated themselves to securing social and economic justice for  
2 all, and the organization continues to play a vital role in  
3 communities across our state and nation; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 5, 2019, as Urban Leagues of  
6 Greater Texas Day at the State Capitol and extend to participants  
7 sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 154 was adopted by the House on  
February 5, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House