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1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 2 WHEREAS, The Texas Black Reconstruction Legislators
- 3 Recognition Act seeks to erect historical markers in honor of
- 4 African American legislators who served the state during the 12th
- 5 through 14th Texas Legislatures; now, therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 7 hereby adopt, for the purpose of the Reconstruction Texas
- 8 Legislator Historical Marker Program, the following standardized
- 9 spellings, capitalizations, dates of birth, and counties of service
- 10 to create the historical markers detailed in the Texas Black
- 11 Reconstruction Legislators Recognition Act:
- Senator George Thompson Ruby, born July 1, 1841, died
- 13 October 31, 1882, represented Galveston, Brazoria, and Matagorda
- 14 Counties in the 12th and 13th Texas Legislatures
- Senator Matthew Gaines, born August 4, 1840, died June 11,
- 16 1900, represented Washington County in the 12th and 13th Texas
- 17 Legislatures
- Senator Walter Moses Burton, born August 9, 1840, died
- 19 June 4, 1913, represented Austin, Fort Bend, and Wharton Counties
- 20 in the 14th Texas Legislature
- Representative Mitchell Kendall, born circa 1822, died
- 22 June 20, 1885, represented Harrison County in the 12th Texas
- 23 Legislature
- Representative Henry Moore, born circa 1810, date of death

- 1 currently unknown, represented Harrison County in the 12th and 13th
- 2 Texas Legislatures
- Representative Richard Allen, born June 10, 1830, died
- 4 May 16, 1909, represented Harris County in the 12th and 13th Texas
- 5 Legislatures
- Representative J. Goldstein DuPree, date of birth unknown,
- 7 died April 1872, represented Montgomery and Harris Counties in the
- 8 12th Texas Legislature
- 9 Representative John Mitchell, born April 1837, died
- 10 April 10, 1921, represented Burleson, Brazos, and Milam Counties in
- 11 the 12th and 14th Texas Legislatures
- Representative Giles Cotton, born circa 1814, died circa
- 13 1884, represented Robertson, Leon, and Freestone Counties in the
- 14 12th Texas Legislature
- Representative Sheppard "Shep" Mullens, born circa 1829,
- 16 died August 7, 1871, represented McLennan, Limestone, and Falls
- 17 Counties in the 12th Texas Legislature
- Representative Benjamin Franklin Williams, born 1819, died
- 19 February 27, 1886, represented Lavaca and Colorado Counties in the
- 20 12th Texas Legislature
- Representative Meshack "Shack" Roberts, dates of birth and
- 22 death unknown, represented Harrison County in the 13th and 14th
- 23 Texas Legislatures
- Representative Henry Phelps, born circa 1829, died 1878,
- 25 represented Galveston County in the 13th Texas Legislature
- Representative James H. Washington, born May 1850, died
- 27 December 23, 1916, represented Galveston County in the 13th Texas

- 1 Legislature
- Representative Richard Williams, born circa 1822, date of
- 3 death unknown, served in the 12th and 13th Texas Legislatures
- Representative Jeremiah J. Hamilton, born July 1838, died
- 5 circa 1904, represented Fayette and Bastrop Counties in the 12th
- 6 Texas Legislature
- 7 Representative Allen W. Wilder, born circa 1845, date of
- 8 death unknown, elected to represent Washington County in the 13th
- 9 Texas Legislature, but never seated
- Representative David Abner Sr., born 1826, died 1902,
- 11 represented Rusk and Harrison Counties in the 14th Texas
- 12 Legislature
- Representative Edward "Ed" Brown, born circa 1840, date of
- 14 death unknown, represented Harrison and Rusk Counties in the 14th
- 15 Texas Legislature
- Representative Thomas Beck, born circa 1819, date of death
- 17 unknown, represented Walker, Madison, and Grimes Counties in the
- 18 14th Texas Legislature
- Representative Jacob Esan Freeman, born circa 1841, died
- 20 circa 1900, represented Waller, Fort Bend, and Wharton Counties in
- 21 the 14th Texas Legislature; and, be it further
- 22 RESOLVED, That the Texas Historical Commission be directed to
- 23 use these standardized spellings, capitalizations, dates of birth,
- 24 and counties of service for this historical marker program; and, be
- 25 it further
- 26 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an
- 27 official copy of this resolution to the executive director of the

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1 Texas Historical Commission.