

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:

12 ● 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

15 ● Senator Matthew Gaines, born August 4, 1840, died June 11,
16 1900, represented Washington County in the 12th and 13th Texas
17 Legislatures

18 ● 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

21 ● Representative Mitchell Kendall, born circa 1822, died
22 June 20, 1885, represented Harrison County in the 12th Texas
23 Legislature

24 ● Representative Henry Moore, born circa 1810, date of death

1 currently unknown, represented Harrison County in the 12th and 13th
2 Texas Legislatures

3 ● Representative Richard Allen, born June 10, 1830, died
4 May 16, 1909, represented Harris County in the 12th and 13th Texas
5 Legislatures

6 ● 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

12 ● Representative Giles Cotton, born circa 1814, died circa
13 1884, represented Robertson, Leon, and Freestone Counties in the
14 12th Texas Legislature

15 ● Representative Sheppard "Shep" Mullens, born circa 1829,
16 died August 7, 1871, represented McLennan, Limestone, and Falls
17 Counties in the 12th Texas Legislature

18 ● Representative Benjamin Franklin Williams, born 1819, died
19 February 27, 1886, represented Lavaca and Colorado Counties in the
20 12th Texas Legislature

21 ● Representative Meshack "Shack" Roberts, dates of birth and
22 death unknown, represented Harrison County in the 13th and 14th
23 Texas Legislatures

24 ● Representative Henry Phelps, born circa 1829, died 1878,
25 represented Galveston County in the 13th Texas Legislature

26 ● Representative James H. Washington, born May 1850, died
27 December 23, 1916, represented Galveston County in the 13th Texas

1 Legislature

2 ● Representative Richard Williams, born circa 1822, date of
3 death unknown, served in the 12th and 13th Texas Legislatures

4 ● 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

10 ● Representative David Abner Sr., born 1826, died 1902,
11 represented Rusk and Harrison Counties in the 14th Texas
12 Legislature

13 ● Representative Edward "Ed" Brown, born circa 1840, date of
14 death unknown, represented Harrison and Rusk Counties in the 14th
15 Texas Legislature

16 ● Representative Thomas Beck, born circa 1819, date of death
17 unknown, represented Walker, Madison, and Grimes Counties in the
18 14th Texas Legislature

19 ● 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

S.C.R. No. 13

1 Texas Historical Commission.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 13 was adopted by the Senate on April 12, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 13 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor