

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
2 are gathering at the State Capitol on March 19, 2025, in
3 celebration of AME Day; and

4 WHEREAS, A denomination with a long and storied history, the
5 African Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in Philadelphia in
6 1816 by Richard Allen, a previously ordained deacon of the
7 Methodist Episcopal Church; it evolved out of the Free African
8 Society, a group established in 1787 by Mr. Allen and other free
9 Blacks in response to the discrimination and exclusion they faced
10 in both social and religious spheres; born out of opposition to
11 slavery and to the dehumanization of people of African descent, the
12 AME Church carried forward the spirit of FAS in its dedication to
13 reaching out to the marginalized; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen was elected as the first bishop of the AME
15 Church by the first General Conference, which included ministers
16 from Methodist Episcopal congregations in the Philadelphia area, in
17 Delaware, and in Baltimore, Maryland; the denomination then
18 expanded westward and throughout the South, especially in the years
19 following the American Civil War, becoming the largest major
20 African American denomination in the Methodist tradition; and

21 WHEREAS, Though it holds the distinction of being the first
22 independent protestant denomination founded by Black people, the
23 AME Church welcomes members of all ethnicities; today, the church
24 continues to embrace its mission to minister to the spiritual,

1 intellectual, physical, emotional, and environmental needs of all
2 people by sharing the gospel through word and deed; and

3 WHEREAS, For more than two centuries, the African Methodist
4 Episcopal Church has been a vital force in promoting spiritual
5 enrichment while championing the rights and dignity of Black
6 communities, and the denomination has played a transformative role
7 in the lives of its members and in the nation at large; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize March 19, 2025, as AME Day at the
11 State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to all those who are
12 visiting Austin in observance of this occasion.

Reynolds

Burrows	Guerra	Morales Shaw
Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
Frank	Manuel	Turner
Gámez	Martinez	VanDeaver
Garcia of Bexar	Martinez Fischer	Vasut
Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
Gervin-Hawkins	Money	Wharton
González of Dallas	Moody	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morales of Harris	Wu
Goodwin	Morales of Maverick	Zwiener

H.R. No. 573

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 573 was adopted by the House on March 19, 2025, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House