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9 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH DURING THE MONTH OF
11 FEBRUARY 2021.

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14 **Subtitle**

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16 THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2021.

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19 WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, truly significant
20 African-American contributions to social growth, the economy, the military,
21 the sciences, and the arts of this great nation have all too often been
22 ignored; and

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24 WHEREAS, in recognition of this oversight, Americans began in 1926 to
25 recognize Negro History Week, the predecessor to Black History Month, which
26 has been celebrated annually since 1976 and was inspired by the birthdays of
27 Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; and

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29 WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month and the study of
30 African-American history are part of the legacy of Dr. Carter G. Woodson; and

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32 WHEREAS, the progress of African-Americans in the nation and in the
33 State of Arkansas has been marked with the tragedy of social inequalities and
34 the triumph of group achievements; and

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36 WHEREAS, although African-Americans have participated in every United



1 States war, the battle for integration and for recognition of the
2 accomplishments of African-American soldiers has been a slow process; and
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4 WHEREAS, not until after World War II did the United States Armed
5 Forces become integrated under a 1948 executive order by President Harry S.
6 Truman; and
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8 WHEREAS, Black History Month distinguishes more commonly celebrated
9 individuals such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., George Washington Carver,
10 Thurgood Marshall, Rosa Parks, Jackie Robinson, the Little Rock Nine, and
11 Maya Angelou, to name just a few, but there are less well-known yet equally
12 impactful individuals whom we should all educate ourselves on such as Crispus
13 Attucks, William Harvey Carney, the Greensboro Four, Constance Baker Motley,
14 and a plethora of other historical African-American giants,
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16 NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
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20 THAT the Senate celebrate Black History Month during the month of
21 February 2021 and recognize and applaud the sacrifices and myriad
22 contributions made by African-American individuals throughout the history of
23 this great state and nation.
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