

## House Resolution 796

By: Representatives Robichaux of the 48<sup>th</sup>, McLaurin of the 51<sup>st</sup>, Martin of the 49<sup>th</sup>, and Jones of the 47<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Groveway Community Group and the "Telling Our Story"  
2 program; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month began as Negro History Week in 1926  
4 under the sponsorship of Dr. Carter G. Woodson; its purpose was to honor the legacy of  
5 Black Americans in business, politics, education, and the arts; and

6 WHEREAS, this celebration grew into a month long event, and in 1976, President Gerald  
7 Ford officially recognized Black History Month, calling on the public to "seize the  
8 opportunity to honor the too often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every  
9 area of endeavor throughout our history"; and

10 WHEREAS, the Groveway Community Group Inc. held its first public celebration of Black  
11 history in 1978 to honor the accomplishments and legacies of Black Roswell residents; and

12 WHEREAS, the continued annual celebrations by Groveway Community Group led the  
13 Historic and Cultural Affairs Division of the City of Roswell to establish Roswell Roots: A  
14 Festival of Black History and Culture in 2003; and

15 WHEREAS, Groveway Community Group has served as a part of the festival since its  
16 inception through planning, marketing, and sponsoring events; "Telling Our Story" has  
17 become a signature event during Black History Month; and

18 WHEREAS, this event presents the first hand memories of African Americans as they lived,  
19 worked, and played in Roswell, as well as the stories, lessons, and words of wisdom from  
20 current and past Roswell residents as they discuss their experiences growing up in the area;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the Groveway Community  
23 Group and the "Telling Our Story" event for their many wonderful contributions on behalf  
24 of the citizens of Roswell.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body recognize and commend the Groveway Community Group and the  
27 "Telling Our Story" program and extend sincere best wishes for many more years of  
28 historical celebration.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
31 public and the press.