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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing February 2007 as Black History Month.

WHEREAS, the history of African Americans in the United States has been a unique and difficult proving ground for the ideals upon which this country was founded, and

WHEREAS, the struggle of African Americans to secure freedom and equality of opportunity has been conducted against many other Americans who originally came to this country to secure those same rights, which rights represent the promise of America, and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the many achievements of African Americans in the United States to offer all Americans, through the exploration of that particular heritage, a broader, enriching perspective that reveals the amazing diversity of contributors to the forming and shaping of the nation, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is uniquely blessed because it is the home of such excellent museums as the Black Archives Research Center and Museum at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, the Florida Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida, and the Black Heritage Museum in Miami and is also the site of such renowned research as the Black Abolitionist Papers Project at Florida State University, and

WHEREAS, it is especially fitting to recognize the many achievements of Floridians such as Zora Neale Hurston, Charles

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29 | Kenzie Steele, Sr., Jesse J. McCrary, Jr., Joseph E. Lee, and
30 | Mary McLeod Bethune, and

31 | WHEREAS, the month of February, the birth month of both
32 | Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, key leaders in the
33 | abolishment of slavery, is particularly suited for the
34 | commemoration of this history, NOW, THEREFORE,

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36 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
37 | Florida:

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39 | That the month of February 2007 is hereby recognized as
40 | Black History Month for the purpose of creating awareness among
41 | Florida's citizens of the rich and unique history and
42 | contributions of African Americans.