

House Resolution 110 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 110

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1 A Resolution designating February 2010 as Black History
2 Month.

3 WHEREAS, Black History Month in the United States
4 dates back to 1926, based upon the efforts of Dr.
5 Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard-educated scholar descended
6 from slave parents; and

7 WHEREAS, Black History Month is traditionally
8 observed in February of each year; and

9 WHEREAS, Black History Month is designated to
10 recognize and pay tribute to many African-Americans
11 long neglected by society and the history books; and

12 WHEREAS, Black History Month aims to bridge the gap
13 created by American history's failure to accurately
14 acknowledge, portray, and record the contributions of
15 Blacks in society; and

16 WHEREAS, Black History Month acknowledges the
17 achievements of Blacks in the military, the arts,
18 civil rights, education, entertainment, history, law,
19 literature, medicine, music, politics, science, sports,
20 and other areas; and

21 WHEREAS, the African-American population in Iowa has
22 grown from 1.4 percent of the state population in 1980
23 to 2.5 percent in 2006, and is projected to grow to 3.5
24 percent by 2030; and

25 WHEREAS, African-Americans in Iowa are increasingly
26 assuming leadership roles in law, medicine, sports,
27 government, education, the arts, and other areas; and

1 WHEREAS, the six African-American sponsors
2 of this resolution are currently serving in the
3 House of Representatives, the largest number of
4 African-Americans ever serving in the House; NOW
5 THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
7 That the House of Representatives designates February
8 2010 as Black History Month and encourages schools,
9 community leaders, religious leaders, and all
10 Iowans to take this opportunity to embrace the rich
11 history of African-Americans in Iowa, from George
12 Washington Carver to James B. Morris to Simon Estes
13 to Luther and Willie Glanton, and to rediscover the
14 contributions African-Americans continue to make to
15 Iowa's educational, economic, and cultural well-being.