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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY FORD, BERRY, ABDUL=SAMAD, and H. MILLER
1 3 A Resolution designating February 2007 as Black History
1 4 Month.
1 5 WHEREAS, Black History Month in the United States
1 6 dates back to 1926, based upon the efforts of Dr.
1 7 Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard-educated scholar
1 8 descended from slave parents; and
1 9 WHEREAS, Black History Month is traditionally
1 10 observed in February of each year; and
1 11 WHEREAS, Black History Month is designated to
1 12 recognize and pay tribute to many African-Americans
1 13 long neglected by society and the history books; and
1 14 WHEREAS, Black History Month aims to bridge the gap
1 15 created by American history's failure to accurately
1 16 acknowledge, portray, and record the contributions of
1 17 Blacks in society; and
1 18 WHEREAS, Black History Month acknowledges the
1 19 achievements of Blacks in the military, the arts,
1 20 civil rights, education, entertainment, history, law,
1 21 literature, medicine, music, politics, science,
1 22 sports, and other areas; and
1 23 WHEREAS, the African-American population in Iowa
1 24 has grown from 1.4 percent of the state population in
1 25 1980 to 2.3 percent in 2004, and is projected to grow
1 26 to 3.5 percent of the state population by 2030; and
1 27 WHEREAS, African-Americans in Iowa are increasingly
1 28 assuming leadership roles in law, medicine,
1 29 government, education, the arts, and other areas; and
1 30 WHEREAS, four African-Americans are currently
2 1 serving in the House of Representatives, the largest
2 2 number of African-Americans ever in the House; NOW
2 3 THEREFORE,
2 4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 5 That the House of Representatives designates February
2 6 2007 as Black History Month and encourages schools,
2 7 community leaders, religious leaders, and all Iowans
2 8 to take this opportunity to discover the history of
2 9 African-Americans in Iowa, from George Washington
2 10 Carver to James B. Morris to Simon Estes, and to learn
2 11 about the contributions African-Americans continue to
2 12 make to Iowa's economic and cultural well-being.
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