

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 7

By: Miles-LaGrange, Bell, Brown, Cain,
Capps, Cole, Cullison, Dickerson,
Douglass, Easley, Fair, Fisher,
Ford, Gustafson, Haney, Harrison,
Helton, Hendrick, Henry, Herbert,
Hobson, Hooper, Horner, Kerr,
Lawler, Leftwich, Littlefield,
Long (Ed), Long (Lewis), Mickle,
Muegge, Pierce, Price, Roberts,
Robinson, Rozell, Rubottom,
Shedrick, Shurden, Smith, Snyder,
Stipe, Taylor, Weedn, Wilkerson,
Williams (Don), Williams (Penny)
and Wright of the Senate

and

Boyd (Laura) and Monson of the
House

A Concurrent Resolution designating the month of February of each year as "Black Heritage Month" in the State of Oklahoma; encouraging all Oklahomans to participate in this cultural event; challenging educators, governmental leaders, and the general public to read at least one book that emphasizes the historical achievements of African-Americans; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, African-Americans have made numerous contributions to the development of this nation, contributions that are not widely known to educators, governmental leaders, the general public or the African-American community; and

WHEREAS, the history and heritage of African-Americans includes many positive examples which serve as role models for today's youth and adults; and

WHEREAS, numerous bibliographies of books about African-Americans have been compiled by and are available from the Oklahoma

Department of Libraries and the Black Heritage Center at Langston University; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Black Heritage Month during the month of February is one way in which all citizens of the State of Oklahoma can be educated about the heritage of African-Americans and better appreciate the potential of every African-American.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the month of February of each year be designated as "Black Heritage Month" in the State of Oklahoma and all Oklahomans are urged to participate in this cultural event.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature challenges educators, governmental leaders and the general public to read at least one book that emphasizes the historical achievements of African-Americans.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Ron Keys, Curator, Melvin B. Tolson Black Heritage Center, Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma, the Chancellor of the State Regents for Higher Education, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

Adopted by the Senate the 8th day of February, 1993.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1993.

Speaker

of the House of
Representatives