

By: Representative Malone

To: Rules

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE YEAR 2007 AS "AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
2 HISTORY YEAR" IN MISSISSIPPI.

3 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi  
4 recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of  
5 African Americans throughout the State of Mississippi and this  
6 nation; and

7 WHEREAS, in recognition of these advancements, the year 2007  
8 is recognized as African-American History Year in Mississippi, in  
9 honor of great Mississippians such as former State Senator Henry  
10 J. Kirksey and former Scott County Supervisor Monzell Stowers, for  
11 leading the way to implement the 1965 Voting Rights Act in  
12 Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to working throughout Mississippi,  
14 Monzell Stowers worked diligently in Scott County, Mississippi,  
15 with former Scott County NAACP President, Westley L. Odom, to be  
16 forerunners in Scott County to implement the 1965 Voting Rights  
17 Act; and

18 WHEREAS, in an effort to promote 75 plus years of progress,  
19 the acknowledgement of 2007 as African-American History Year  
20 serves as a catalyst for making life better for those who are here  
21 as well as for those yet to come; and

22 WHEREAS, recognition of African-American History Year will  
23 help pay tribute to those extraordinary men and women who fought  
24 for what they believed and stared injustices toward mankind  
25 directly in the eye, and remind us of the bravery, courage and  
26 commitment to equality for all:

27           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
28 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
29 recognize the year 2007 as African-American History Year in  
30 Mississippi, and encourage our citizens to learn more about the  
31 history and contributions of prominent African-American activists,  
32 who proved critical to changing the civic, social and political  
33 climate in Mississippi.

34           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
35 furnished to Civic Resource Center, Inc., the Mississippi Branch  
36 of the NAACP and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.