

By: Representative Malone

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 78

1 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE YEAR 2006 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 2006
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 2006 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 2006 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.